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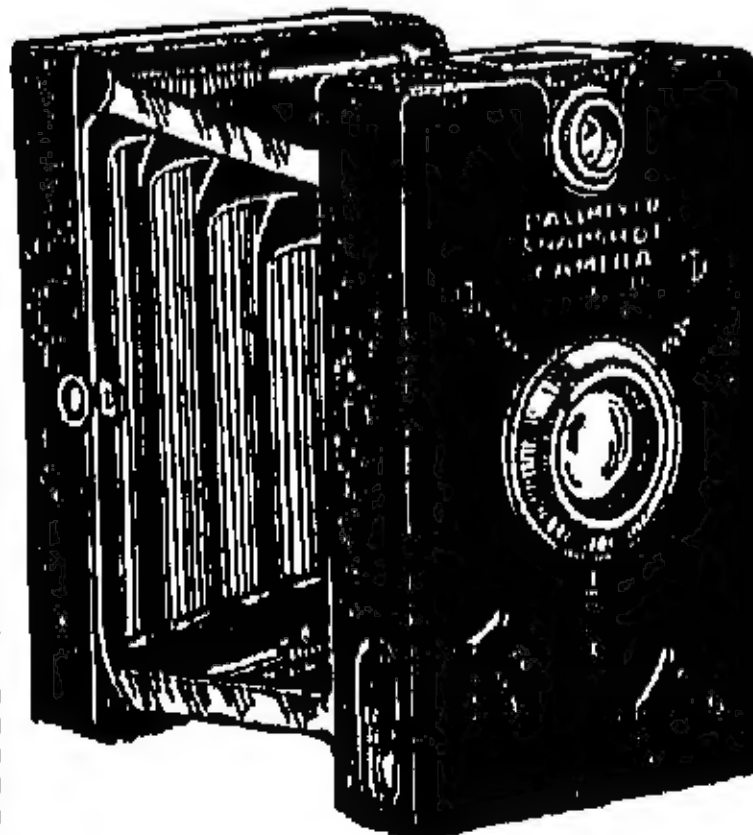
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There can seldom have been a brighter scene than that at the Club de Recreio yesterday afternoon, when an International Dance Festival was staged in which dancers of various nationalities participated.

A "Sunday Herald" reporter found himself surrounded by a bevy of bewitching beauty, dainty Japanese maidens, languorous ladies from sunny Spain, red-coated and top-booted "Russians," Irish colleens, and señoritas that Portugal must surely be proud of. There were dancers in the costumes of old-world England, too, a dashing little Alsacienne and her diminutive partner, together with nymphs and fairies in bewildering profusion.

A special company of ladies and gentlemen from Macao, thirty-six in number, staged a scene "A Desfolhada," which included typical provincial songs and dances of Portugal. The performance, somewhat of an innovation in local circles, was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Japan was also represented in a scene, "Harbingers of Spring," and from China came "Dance of the Lanterns" and an exceedingly pretty "Fan Dance."

Mlle. Bonenfant contributed French dances, and Miss O'Keefe's pupils danced an Irish jig, an old English dance, and a Russian ballet. H.E. the Governor, (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), was an early arrival, accompanied by H.E. the Governor of Macao, (Senhor A. T. Barbosa) and Madame Tamagnini, the Colonial Secretary, (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern C.M.G.), and Mrs. Southern.

Upon the entrance of the distinguished guests the band played the National Anthems of Portugal and Great Britain before the programme was commenced. The first half was devoted to dances representative of different nations. China, France, Japan, Great Britain and Russia all being depicted, and all coming in for generous applause, although it had been agreed that no encores would be permitted.

Mme. Tamagnini's Address After a short interval, during which a photograph was taken of the large concourse of people, the second part of the programme opened with an address in French by Mme. Tamagnini, who said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen: When there took place last autumn that interesting "Grand Tattou," in beautiful Hong Kong, an event of which we have such fond recollections—Mrs. Southern suggested to me Macao's co-operation in the production of another charity show, which could offer, by way of attractions, dances characteristically national of the peoples represented by the communities of Hong Kong.

The suggestion was most kind and at once aroused my interest by the particularly kind manner in which the invitation was extended to me, and more so by its underlying significance. Returning to Macao from Hong Kong I conveyed the kind proposal to Macao, and Macao accepted it with very great pleasure indeed, cheerfully undertaking to co-operate, thus testifying to Macao's appreciation of Mrs. Southern's thoughtfulness for the charities of Macao.

Kindly Co-operation With such a ready response it was easy to organize Macao's representation. Presently you will be given an exhibition of our national dances and songs, not by professional performers, but with the greatest of good-will, to let you all have a real idea of the ballads and roundels of our own land. I say again it is with a happy heart that we co-operate in this work of charity, and do our share to bring yet more closely the friendly ties that bind the two neighbouring colonies.

Thy Fellow-National It is with the greatest pleasure, therefore, that Macao takes its part in this interesting show. To represent Portugal it would have sufficed that there be the group of our thy fellow-nationals of Hong Kong in their fascinating "contradance," the readiness of our two Clubs in offering their halls for

PEER'S DEATH

Baron Southwark Passes
Away

LIBERALS' LOSS

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of Baron Southwark.—Reuter.

Baron Southwark (Richard Knight Causton) was created in 1910. He was Chairman of Sir Joseph Causton & Sons, Limited; a Liberal Whip from 1892 to 1905; and Paymaster-General from 1905 to 1910. He represented various English constituencies in Parliament as a Liberal, his last seat being Southwark, West. He was Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce in 1913; Vice-President of the Associated Chamber of Commerce; Vice-President of Surrey County Cricket Club; fellow of the Statistical Society. He was 86 years of age, but has no heir.

MINERS' MARCH

Mass Demonstration
To-day

PETITION TO PREMIER

London, Yesterday.
Their ranks depleted by 27 per cent, owing to the severe weather, 800 unemployed miners, consisting of four main groups from all over the country, arrived on the outskirts of London last night and were accommodated in workhouses and halls.

The men complete their march to-day.

A mass demonstration will be held in Trafalgar Square to-morrow (Sunday), and they will present a petition to the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, on Tuesday.—Reuter.

KABUL UNSAFE

Evacuation of the
Legations

AEROPLANE'S TASK

Peshawar, Yesterday.
An aeroplane has left for Kabul to begin the evacuation of the staff of the British and other Legations.—Reuter.

this entertainment, and in the final tableau in which charming Miss Cerveira de Albuquerque will represent Portugal.

Every item, so far, has been deservedly applauded, and in congratulating the Organising Committee I cannot help associating with them the name of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who has been untiring in his efforts whether as a helper with our national decorations or in stirring up enthusiasm and interest that he himself takes in our country-dances and songs.

Our obligations to Your Excellency are great for the honour of your presence and the encouragement given to our modest part in this function, especially when we are conscious of the fact that Your Excellency is a very busy man indeed. Mrs. Southern's organising ability is absolutely wonderful, and she has a prodigious capacity for work. With her is her enthusiastic friend and energetic worker, Mrs. Creasy. And I am glad also that Mr. Southern is here and probably will be able to tell us by and by how we can improve our part.

I feel only one regret at this moment—the absence of Lady Clementi. I remember very well when she was at Macao how enthusiastic she was at seeing, for the first time, the merry Portuguese dances.

Sir Cecil, we thank you most sincerely for this proof of friendship. I ask Your Excellency kindly to let Lady Clementi know how much we all feel her absence, knowing that she is so far away, and unable to participate with us in our joy.

Dances and Songs Now let me say a few words about our dances and songs, which I hope all of you may some day see danced amidst the picturesque beauty of their native environment with, for their background, our rugged, lofty hills, our rich vineyards and orchards, the bright blue of our sunny skies, and, in short, with all the exuberance of

RED TROOPS IN CHINA

Armlets Worn by Rebels
of Shantung

CHEFOO WAR CAPTURES

Anti-Nationalists Surrounded by
the Garrison

Chinese troops, although flying the Nationalist flag (when North-eastern rebels and bandits are on their side against a Nationalist garrison), have appeared, in battle wearing red armlets, as will be seen in the following:—

Chefoo, Yesterday.
The fighting at Kangyu on Feb. 22 ended in a decisive victory for the Nationalist garrison of eastern Shantung, which is commanded by General Liu Chen-nien.

The garrison, having ventured out after retreating, surrounded a portion of the enemy 25 miles west of Chefoo.

Hwang Feng-chi, a bandit leader of the opposing side, after being defeated on Feb. 21, fell back towards Pengli and hostilities were suspended for the time being.

Present expectations are that the surrounded rebels will surrender.

Victors Return General Liu Chen-nien has returned to Chefoo with a detachment of his troops. His Chief of Staff, interviewed by Reuter, confirms the foregoing, adding that their forces captured 700 prisoners and a quantity of munitions, with a loss of between 20 and 30 men.

The enemy was flying the Nationalist flag, the Chief of Staff stated, but were wearing red armlets.

Chefoo is calm. The motor-bus service to Fushan has been resumed. The Nationalist gunboat "Chu Yu" (of 740 tons displacement, carrying two 12 cm., two 75 mm. and some smaller guns) has arrived.

The fact that Chang Tsung-chang (who was Tupan of Shantung under the Northern regime and sneaked into Shantung a few days ago on the outbreak of hostilities) is directing the revolt has been established but his actual presence is still unlocated.—Reuter.

Another Brigade Revolts Peking, Yesterday.

It is learned from a reliable source that a brigade of troops belonging to the 1st Army Group (but formerly Northerners under General Chu Yu-pu of Chihli province), while being transferred from Nankow Pass (north-west of Peking) to the south of Shantung province, revolted when they had reached a position just north of the Yellow River.

The revolting men declared for Chang Tsung-chang (who is, of course, a former colleague of Chu Yu-pu) and are marching on Wu-yu, thereby adding further complications to the developments in Shantung.—Reuter.

GYMNASIUM FIRE

Girls And Townsfolk in a
Panic

STUDENT'S FATAL LEAP

Jacksonville, Yesterday.

One student was killed and eight injured, whilst the matron was seriously injured, as the result of a fire that broke out in the gymnasium of the Illinois Women's College on the occasion of the celebrations of the bicentenary of George Washington.

The student who was killed leaped from a window.

The wife of the President of the College jumped and broke her leg, besides being otherwise injured.

Hundreds of girls and townsfolk in the gymnasium created a panic and the doors became jammed with frantic strugglers.

Little damage was caused by the fire, which is attributed to a flashlight photograph.—Reuter's American Service.

THE HUNAN COUP

Nanking to Investigate
Charges

OFFICIALDOM RETICENT

Nanking, Yesterday.

The Wu-Han branch of the Central Political Council has laid charges of appropriation of finances, neglect of suppression of Communists and bandits, and imposition of exorbitant taxes and general mismanagement of affairs against General Lu Ti-ping, who was chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government until he was ousted a few days ago by three other Generals operating with the alleged approval of the leaders at Wu-Han.

These charges will be discussed here at the next meeting of the Central Political Council. Meanwhile officialdom is reticent about the coup in Hunan.—Reuter.

"G.H.Q." TO GO

Nanking on Military
Administration

DISBANDMENT DECISION

Nanking, Yesterday.

The State Council (the highest institution in the National Government—as distinct from the Nationalist Party) has announced a decision that the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies (Marshal Chiang Kai-shek) and also the Headquarters of the four Army Groups (i.e., 1st, Chiang Kai-shek's; 2nd, the "Christian General's"; 3rd, Yen Hsi-shan's; 4th, the Kwangsi faction) shall be abolished before March 15, and that the various military Reorganization and Disbandment offices be formally established on March 16.—Reuter.

CAUGHT AT LAST!

"Preaching" Burglar in
Tokyo

ALLEGED CONFESSION

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Police have captured the notorious "preaching" burglar, who has harassed the citizens of Tokyo during the past two years.

The prisoner, who is named Tsunami, aged 29 years, has confessed to committing over 100 burglaries.—Reuter.

H.R.H.'S HUNTERS

Not Severing Connection
With Melton Mowbray

"BUYING SOME MORE"

London, Yesterday.

Replying to condolences from one of his partners at the annual ball of the Melton Mowbray Branch of the British Legion last night, with regard to the sale of his hunters, the Prince of Wales said that he intended to buy some more and that he was not severing his connection with Melton-Mowbray.—Reuter.

ROBBERS SCARED!

Robust Amah Frees
Herself

A KOWLOON INCIDENT

An alleged attempt at an armed robbery was reported to the Police yesterday by an amah living in the servants' quarters on the third floor of 4, Hankow-road, Kowloon.

She stated that at 10 a.m. a Chinese entered the house, claiming to be one of her clansmen. Whilst she was engaged in conversation with him, a second Chinese entered. The first man then seized her, and threatened her with a chisel, saying "You have some opium here." She was thrown upon a cot, and one of her assailants attempted to bind her hands with a piece of wire.

After a struggle, the amah freed herself, and ran to the verandah to call for assistance, whereupon the two men were damped. Nothing was stolen, as they were in too great a hurry to get away. The two men had not been traced up to a late hour last night.

"VETERAN'S" PLUCK

Chief Det. Inspector In
Boxing Ring

SNAPPY POLICE CONTESTS

Kowloon Gain Two Points in Inter-
"Water" Competition

It being his 41st birthday, Chief Detective Inspector "Alf" Reynolds of the Hong Kong Police valiantly stepped into a breach in the boxing tournament—the first of its kind staged by the Force—at the gymnasium in Headquarters last night, and was counted out through an error of judgement as to how long he would take to get up after being floored by a much younger opponent.

The C. D. I. earned the approbation of practically the whole of the British contingent not on duty because everybody who could attend was present. He was highly commended by the Captain Superintendent (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) for his exemplary sportsmanship.

Kowloon's 7 to 1

Eight bouts were handled by Sergeant "Micky" Hunt, the physical culture expert. Kowloon won seven of them and thereby gained two points in the series of sports contests with Hong Kong, making the total nine all. The tennis match to-day will decide the custody of a challenge cup recently put up for competition. The contests are also in the nature of practice for the "Interport" against the Police of the International Settlement, Shanghai, to be held in Shanghai next month.

All available accommodation in the "gym" was occupied and other supporters cheered from the gallery.

The Results

The results were as follow, Kowloon, (wearing green sashes and Hong Kong red), being mentioned first throughout.

Lee-Sgt. (A 17) Lamont 145 lbs. beat Lee-Sgt. (A 8) Nolan 146 lbs. on points after an extra (4th) round.

P.-C. (A 15) Linden 142 1/2 lbs. lost to Lee-Sgt. (A 42) Russell 147 lbs. on points.

Lee-Sgt. (A 166) Jessop 155 lbs. knocked out Lee-Sgt. (A 48) May 158 lbs. in the 1st round.

P.-C. (A 194) Danbrowsky 168 lbs. beat Lee-Sgt. (A 147) Johnson 165 lbs. in the 2nd round.

P.-C. (A 23) Brand 161 lbs. beat Lee-Sgt. (A 180) McGreavy 158 lbs. in the 2nd round.

Lee-Sgt. (A 118) Boffin 165 lbs. beat Lee-Sgt. (A 123) Edwards 165 lbs. on points.

P.-C. (A 29) Hay 173 lbs. knocked out Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds 180 lbs. in the 2nd round.

Lee-Sgt. (A 155) Baker 182 lbs. knocked out Police Sgt. (A 18) Kirby 187 lbs. in the 1st round.

The Officials

Each bout was of three two-minute rounds, with a loud count. The following (of the Hong Kong Boxing Association) were the officials:—

Referee and Judges: Mr. W. Logan, Mr. T. C. Bennett, Mr. H. G. Sheldon.

Timekeepers: Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke and Mr. C. Bond. Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer of the Police Reserve, examined the contestants and Sgt. Hunt acted as announcer.

Some Fine Fights

Lamont and Nolan put up an excellent fight. Nolan, the loser, had Lamont down for a count of eight in the first round and sent him to the boards again before the gong intervened. With Lamont groggy, Nolan failed to carry the fight to his man. Lamont improved in the third and the referee called for an extra round of a minute which Lamont won to give Kowloon a good start.

The second bout was also very fine. Russell was superior to Linden in each round and won on points.

Jessop knocked May out with a right to the chin.

Danbrowsky was too clever for Johnson, the elder man, and the latter gave up.

McGreavy hit as hard as Brand but Brand was more accurate. McGreavy took considerable punishment before giving up.

The C.D.I. Boffin was a trifle slow but he was a better tactician than Edwards who courageously fought back even when knocked about. A close and game fight.

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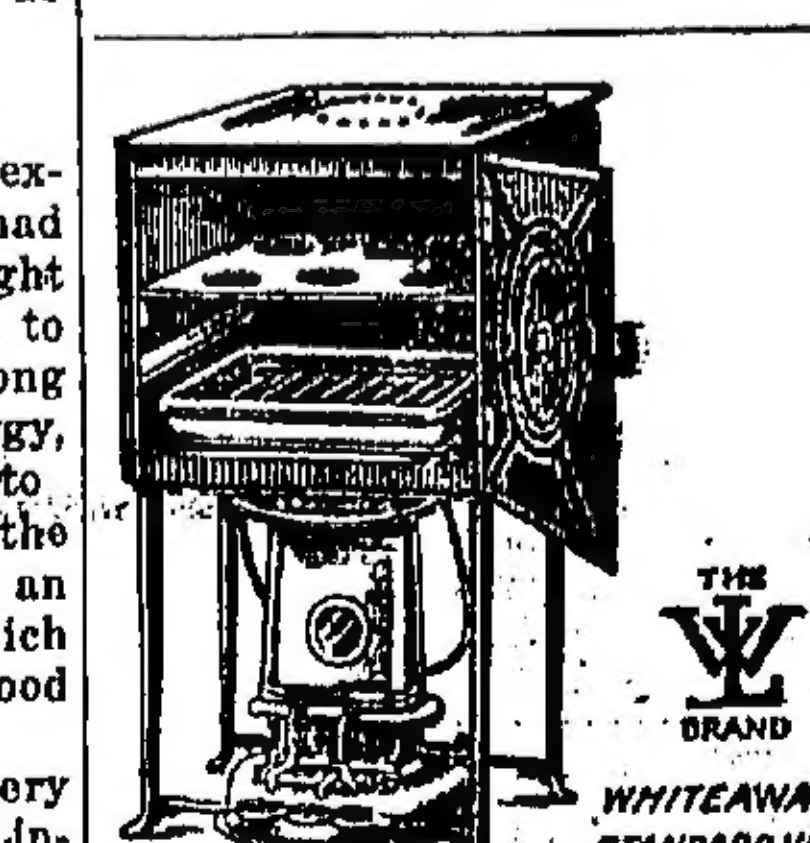
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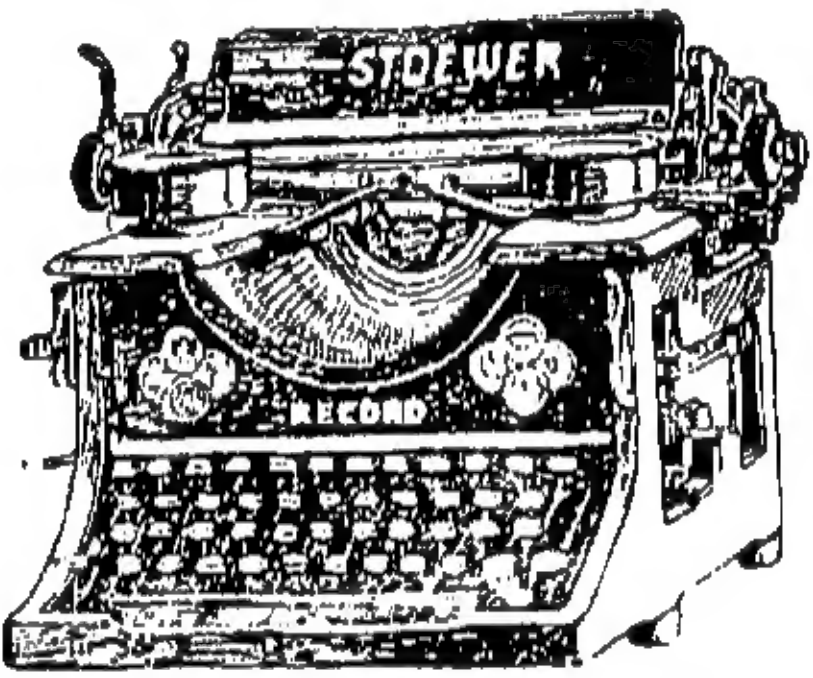
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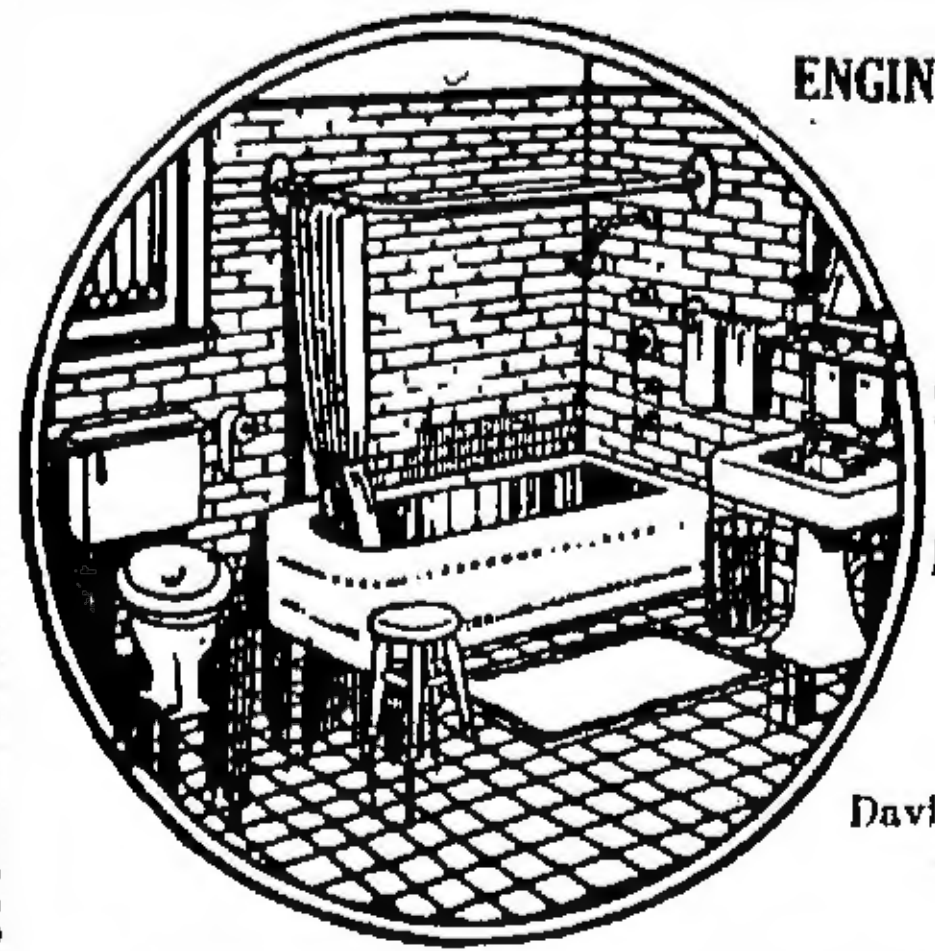
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VARSITY BOAT RACE

Oxford are to make a determined effort to "stop the rot" in connection with the boat race, which is to be rowed on March 23. Only once in the post-war years has the Oxford boat crossed the line first at Mortlake, and Cambridge have an unbroken sequence of five victories, and have won nine of the last ten races.

The next race will be the "centenary" event, and the Oxford crew is very anxious to win. The present policy is to secure finality in the composition of the crew as early as possible, and to avoid the "chopping and changing" which has featured recent years of training. Also, there are to be fewer experiments with boat design. Oxford do not propose to try a specially-designed boat this year. The craft in course of construction is a straightforward job, 62ft. 6in. length, and will be very similar to the Cambridge boat, though the likelihood of the Light Blues being the heavier crew will mean modifications for the Cambridge boat. It is expected that at the start swivels are to be tried out by Oxford although it does not follow that these will be used for the race itself. The construction of the Cambridge boat has not been started yet, so that Oxford may be said to have stolen a march on their rivals in the matter of preparedness.

Cambridge Preliminary

A start was made at Cambridge with the preliminary practice for the boat race, when two crews, under the supervision of Mr. J. C. Holcroft (Pembroke), the Old Blue, and Sir Henry Howard, were afloat. All the resident Blues were included in the two crews, and the president, R. Beesly (First Trinity), and the secretary, N. M. Aldous (Selwyn), took their places in the boats. The work was of an elementary character, and consisted of a journey to Grassy Corner and back, accomplished in long stages of padding at a low rate. The outing lasted just over half an hour. Some surprise was occasioned by the appearance of J. B. Collins, the Third Trinity heavy-weight, at stroke in "A" crew, in place of T. S. Brockbank, who stroked the winning trial eight last term. It will be interesting to watch the progress of the crew in the young giant, who stands 6ft. 7in. Collins hitherto rowed at number 6.

Unlikely Results

A feature of the football in Scotland was that, of the eight matches played (two being cancelled by frost), four were won by visiting teams. If there was no surprise about Cowdenhead losing at home to the Rangers, it was certainly not expected that Queen's Park would win at Motherwell, and least of all by such a margin as 5-0. Probabilities too were against the Airdrieonians winning at Kilmarnock, or the Hibernians at Aberdeen. It was the Airdrieonians' first victory for nine weeks. St. Johnstone and Hamilton drew, while the home winners were the Celtic over Ayr United, the Hearts over the Clyde, and Third Lanark over Raith Rovers. Edinburgh's two Second Division clubs also won their engagements, this being the second time this season that her whole quartette had come off victorious.

South Africa's Cricket Team

There will be all the interest of novelty about the cricket team South Africa are sending to us this coming summer. H. G. Deane, the captain, H. W. Taylor and R. H. Catterall are the only

members who have been seen in this country. Taylor, of course, is one of the most beautiful batsmen in the world to watch, while Deane's skill in captaincy was proved by his handling of matters in the last English tour in South Africa. But there will be great eagerness to see some of the newcomers who are known only from what they did against Captain Stanyforth's team last winter. There is Vincent, for instance, who took 23 wickets in the Tests for just over 22 runs each, and whose length and spin are expected to vindicate themselves on English wickets. Morkel, too, is a fine all-round player. The side is a predominantly youthful one, and Taylor says it is the best in the way of holding that has ever represented South Africa.

Jockey Club's Wishes

The Jockey Club wished to frame the new rules so as to make them equally fair and convenient for betting done with bookmakers or with the totalisator. The totalisator regulations had to be so framed as to ensure all transaction being settled and done with before the public left the course. If the rule of betting could be brought into conformity with what the "tote" would do, it would obviously be a convenience. The alteration of the Rules of Racing dealt with two points—(1) The time at which the numbers would be hoisted; (2) the "all right" signal. It was generally agreed by those present that the earlier hoisting of the numbers which would result from the alteration of Rule 129 would be a great advantage to both systems of betting. Considerable discussion took place on the "all right" signal. Lord Hamilton said that the new Rule 162, coupled with the curtailment of the period for lodging objection under Rule 168 (iv.) from fifteen minutes to five minutes, would meet what was necessary for the totalisator, which would pay on the official placings when the signal was given. This would mean betting "first past the post" except for anything that actually happened in the race—bumping, boring, &c.

Premium on Frauds

Mr. Slowburn thought it would be unwise to institute "first past the post" betting, or it would put a premium on fraudulent practices, and that it would be unfair to course bookmakers who betted both for ready money and on credit—to have what was proposed for the totalisator as the basis for settling ready money bets on the racecourse and the present system—under which other causes of objection were taken into account—as the basis for settling credit bets. Bookmakers might have to pay twice under those conditions. It was suggested that both difficulties would be met if Tattersall's Committee passed a rule that all betting would be regulated in accordance with the official placings when the "all right" signal was given, provided that there was an exemption for credit bets in cases of fraud. The representatives of Tattersall's Committee undertook to bring this matter before their committee, and to advise the Stewards of the Jockey Club of the Committee views before the meeting of the Club on December 3.

Dead Heats

The question of "dead heats" in relation to the new rules were also considered. It was stated on behalf of the Racecourse Betting

Control Board that the rule they proposed to make for the "tote" was that the pool would be divided between the makers of the dead-heats, and if the dead-heat was run off it would be regarded as an extra race from the "tote" standpoint. The representatives of Tattersall's Committee felt that this would be contrary to custom both in cash betting and credit betting, but agreed to have the possibility of adopting a similar rule considered and to give the Jockey Club their views. There was a general consensus of opinion that uniformity on the rules of betting was desirable for the totalisator and for bookmakers, if it were possible to obtain it.

1930 Tests

Experiences in England in 1928 are the basis of recommendation which "Not Out," of the Referee (Sydney) puts forward for the consideration of the Australian Board of Control when that body selects the team for the 1930 Test in England. Young fast bowler who is good field; all the better if he can make some runs or hit hard. Slow to medium left-hand spin bowler, who is a good field; still better if a good batsman. Two medium-pace spin bowlers who are all-round players. First-class left-hand batsman who is a brilliant field. Only 15 players, and all to be chosen at the one sitting of the selection committee. Only one manager, a treasurer being unnecessary. An executive committee of five, to include manager (to be chairman) and captain and vice-captain, to meet each week.

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Lord Hawke's Appeal

"It is vital that something should be done to brighten the game and finish matches or the public will become sick of cricket as it is played to-day," declared Lord Hawke, presiding over the annual meeting of the Yorkshire County Club at Leeds on Jan. 31. He congratulated Chapman's team on retaining the "Ashes." He emphasised the strain of playing Test matches to a finish and wondered when cricket had become such a serious proposition. "Aren't we very near forgetting that the game should be played with a joyous heart full of dash and go?" He admired the patience of Australian spectators, but was of opinion that such crowds would never gather here to witness such slow play, and even if they did it would not be good for the game. He hoped that the special committee at Lords, if it did not alter the l.b.w. rule or widen the stumps, would endeavour to return to a natural quick without top-dressing. The groundsmen would realize the necessity of growing stronger grass with firmer fibre.

Captained England

In 1900 Gore captained the first English team to meet America. He represented England in the challenge round of the Davis Cup against Australia in 1907, and he captained the English team in the Olympic Games at Stockholm. He represented London against Paris and England in many international games. As recently as 1921 he was still winning tournaments. In that year he made his twenty-ninth consecutive appearance at Wimbledon, and was good enough to be chosen to represent London against Paris. With other distinguished players Gore was presented by the Queen with a jubilee commemorative medal at Wimbledon two years ago. He was president of the All-England Club in 1911.

Was It A Foul?

A London cable of Jan. 31 gives the following account of the contest between Phil Scott and Tel Sandwina, which Scott won on a foul in the fifth round:—

In the opening round the Englishman scored with a couple of lefts to the chin and thereafter forced Sandwina to the ropes with a right to the chin, following up with a rain of body blows. In round 2, Scott reached Sandwina's nose with a straight left. Sandwina closed in, and was warned for holding. Round 3 also went in Scott's favour, though Sandwina rushed in and scored a couple of lefts to the body. In round 4 Scott landed a couple of terrific rights to the point and followed up with two lefts to Sandwina's face. In the fifth Scott launched a couple of lefts to the chin and followed up with a beautifully-timed right. Sandwina clinched, but Scott scored with both hands to the head and body. Sandwina then hit low in the opinion of the referee and Scott fell on both knees in agony. Sandwina was disqualified. A later telegram says:—

The consensus of opinion seems to be that Sandwina was unjustly treated when he was disqualified for hitting low in the fifth round of his fight with Phil Scott at the Albert Hall. Mr. Charles B. Cochran, Mr. Harry Preston and Jimmie Wilde declare it to have been a perfectly fair punch. Moreover, Sandwina, in the opinion of many, would ultimately have won, though Scott was going very strongly at the time.

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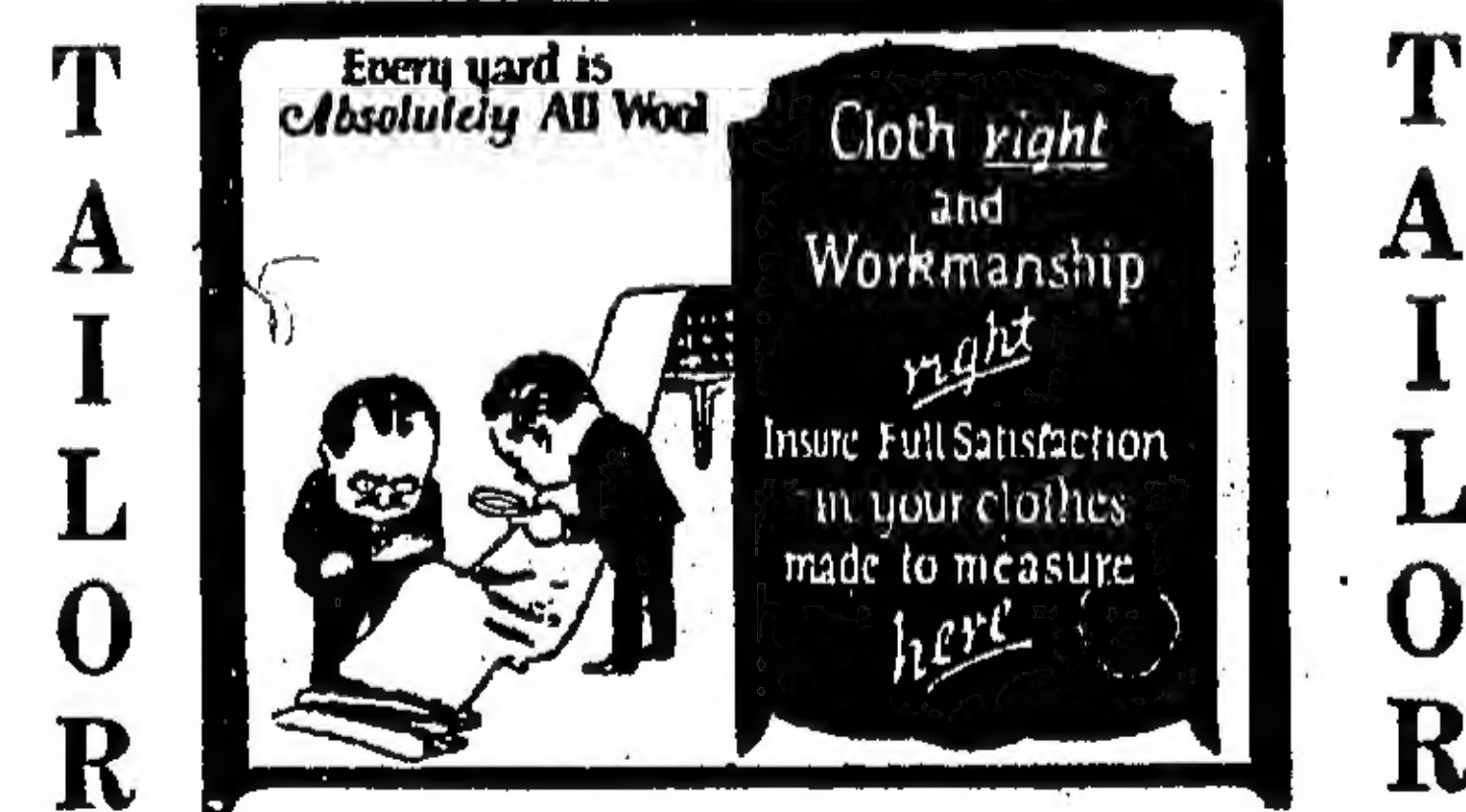


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SOCIAL GOSSIP

Mr. D. Davies, chief clerk at the Colonial Secretariat, was operated upon at the Peak Hospital, the operation being successful.

The Duke and Duchess of York, are leaving London for Norway on March 21 to be present at the marriage of the Crown Prince.

The name of Dr. Wong Yan-kyong, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong) of No. 316, Nathan-road, Kowloon, has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

In order that a complete list may be obtained for record purposes, will residents of Hong Kong (other than members of H.M.'s Forces, who have had any decoration conferred upon them by H.M. the King, inform the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, by March 9, 1929.

Among the passengers who left for Home on the s.s. "Sarpedon" were Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Guy, Mrs. F. A. MacIntosh, Mrs. J. H. Dobble, Mrs. M. M. Dutton, Mr. P. A. Dixon, Mr. D. Lyon, Mr. Eric Grimble, Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Miss Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. P. Drummond, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell and Mr. F. J. Abbott.

Mr. H. Kwong has been re-appointed to the Court of the University for three years.

The Rev. Fr. George Byrne, D.Ph., has been re-appointed to the Board of Education for two years.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock is to be a member of the Court of the University during the absence on leave of Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

A British passport in the name of R. C. Olive was found in Battery-path last week. It is now in the custody of the police at Headquarters.

Mr. D. W. Tretman (who has returned from Home leave) is to be Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils (which position he held before).

His Excellency the Governor will preside at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on March 8, when a lecture entitled "Cold in the Tropics, the Possibility of Manufactured Weather" will be delivered by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc. (Past President). All interested in the subject will be heartily welcome, but as the accommodation is limited, admission will be by ticket obtainable on application to the Hon. Secretary at the Institution.

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LEAGUE FOOTBALL

South China Lead in First Division

NAVY ADVANCING

Police Maintain Their Winning Form

The results in a full League programme yesterday went much as expected—the progress of the Police and the Navy is of great interest, both these sides securing notable victories.

South China easily defeated Small Units, and the Queen's Regiment and the Chinese Athletic match was a great struggle.

The Hong Kong Football Club did well to snatch a point from the Borderers.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Division I.			
Queen's Regt.	1	Chinese Athletic	1
Small Units	1	South China A.A.	7
Club Recreio	0	Police	1
Navy	4	Kowloon	0
Club	2	2nd K.O.S.B.	2
Division II.			
Navy	5	Club de Recreio	1
R.A.	*	South China B.	*
K.O.S.B. Regt.	6	Kowloon	1
R.A.F.	0	South China A.	0
Queen's Regt.	3	Chinese Athletic	0
Eastern	3	Small Units	3

* Match off.

League Div. I

QUEEN'S REGIMENT v. CHINA ATHLETIC

At Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon the visitors managed to force a draw after a gruelling game.

Teams: Queen's: Dodds, Hooper, Sharpe, Burn, Hill, Cantor, Larkin, Richardson, Hilbert, Barclay, and Caldwell.

China Athletic: Chan Sik-pua; Wong Shin-wo, Lai Wuk-tat; Ho Cho-yin, Wong Shui-wah, Lam Yuk-yang; Chan Kwong-jin, Shuen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-chung, Sek Pui-tin, and Ng Kam-chung.

Before a large throng of spectators Hilbert kicked off and play ruled fast. Athletic taking up the offensive in no undecided manner. Hill, however, made these efforts futile, and repelled many well-organised attacks. The run of play had a stimulating effect on the Queen's who opened reprisals by a bombardment on the visitors' goal. Some neat shooting was delivered, only to be collected by the capable hands of Chan Sik-pua, who cleared repeatedly in a remarkably effective manner. The defence on both sides proved superior to the attack. Individual efforts in the Queen's forward line were distinctive, but, without the combination which was obviously lacking, no effective results were obtained.

Half-time: Queen's 0
Chinese Athletic 0

Queen's Score First

On resumption it was apparent that both teams meant to make a more spirited effort to achieve victory. Barclay (Queen's) received a pass from Hilbert and, rushing the sphere into the Athletic goal area, with a short range shot defeated Chan Sik-pua.

This put the Athletic on their mettle and they made a big endeavour to secure the equaliser, but they were time and again repelled by the Queen's defence, amongst whom Hill was the outstanding star. In a sporting spirit the Athletic gamely battled against what appeared to be long odds, as time was now drawing close. As a reward for their zeal, they were eventually awarded a penalty. Suen Kam-shun, with his usual accuracy, scored a neat goal within ten seconds of the final whistle.

Result: Queen's 1
Athletic 1

SMALL UNITS v. S. CHINA A.A.

This match, played on the Kowloon F.C. ground, provided the biggest score of the day. South China's forwards were too smart for the Small Units. The latter, however, went under gallantly.

The teams lined up as under: Small Units: McGowan; Dodson, Sabir; Grosvenor, Skinner, Rial; Elliott, Smith, Wilson, Coates, and Basham.

South China: Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Kau; Leung Wing-tuk, Wong Mee-shun, Leong Wing-chiu; Tsang Shiu-heung, Chu Kwong-lun, Fung King-chung, Lau Mau, and Ip Pak-kau.

Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.

From the kick-off Small Units attacked, but the Chinese quickly set up the running and Dodson cleared well. Play in midfield was scrappy at the start, but Chinese came near with a good effort by Tsang Shiu-heung. Small Units played pluckily and Skinner put through nicely, Basham close in smashing home a hot shot

which Pau saved brilliantly. Ip Pak, on the Chinese left, was pulled up for offside, but the Chinese winger, crossing well just after, Chu Kwok scored China's opening goal.

Lau Mau added another soon after and the visitors quickly held a good lead. Basham and Coates made a fine effort, but Li Tin-sang cleared and Pau pulled one down from the crossbar in a clever manner. Fung scored China's third goal after bright passing with a smashing drive.

Wong Mee-shun hit the post with a great shot and Tsang, following up, smartly scored. The Chinese led by 4-0 at the interval.

Team Re-arranged

Small Units reshuffled their team in the second portion, but China scored early, Chu Kwok beating McGowan close in. Then Lau Mau went through nicely with the sixth.

Small Units pressed and Pau cleared a good one from Dodson. Wilson, going through, put Smith in a good position and Small Units scored, Smith forcing through well.

The Chinese retaliated, Lau Mau getting through again in the closing stages.

Comments on the Game

Small Units, in spite of the score, played pluckily, but were outclassed forward, where the Chinese were bright. Lau Mau and Ip on the left wing were a great force. Fung was a clever leader, and Tsang made a good debut. Leung Wing-tak and Li Tin-sang were the pick of the defence. Pau made several clever clearances and was very safe.

McGowan did well under great pressure and Dodson was fine in the defence but overworked. Skinner did well and Basham, Coates, and Wilson were the pick of the forwards.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. POLICE

At King's Park the Police managed to collect two points in spite of aggressive opposition.

The teams lined up as follows: Police: Clarke; Wynne, Muir; Brittain, Hudson, Jessop; Gowans, Fraser, Johnson, McGreavy, and Oram.

Club de Recreio: Beltrao; Sousa, Xavier; Silva-Netto, Remedios, Assumpcao; B. Gosano, Ward, Rocha, Brown, and A. Gosano.

The Portuguese home forwards made a concentrated attack on the Police goal, only to be defeated by an unforeseen mishap in the nature of a burst ball, which appeared to be an ill omen as to the future of the game. After a new ball had been procured, Fraser transferred the play to the other end and took a chance shot, but Beltrao saved in good style. The Recreio rushed the ball to the Police area through the medium of Ward who made a break-away which very nearly proved expensive as the Police had to concede a corner. Gosano centred with amazing accuracy, but the efficacy of Clarke proved to be insurmountable and raised the spectators' enthusiasm as he gamely cleared a succession of quick, well-timed shots. On the other hand the Recreio veteran, Xavier, was in his best form, and repeatedly frustrated spirited attacks by the Police, and it was principally due to his defensive capabilities that when the whistle blew for half-time no goals had been scored.

Half-time:

Club de Recreio 0
Police 0

Teams Over Anxious

On resuming, both teams appeared to be over-anxious, with the result that many opportunities were missed. Admittedly

isolated incidents displayed really good football, but the general tendency of both teams was to overlook the necessity of combining brain work with footwork. A drop shot from Remedios caused a certain amount of anxiety in the Police goal but Clarke ran out and just managed to clear, Rocha arriving a second too late.

From a throw-in Gowans trickily dribbled up the right wing. Xavier robbed him, and sent over a sparkling centre which was received by Rocha, who failed to make the best of his opportunity. Hudson passed to McGreavy, who scored with a low drive within five minutes of the final whistle.

Result: Police 1
Club de Recreio 0

NAVY v. KOWLOON

At Caroline Hill, before a large attendance, the Navy continued their sequence of victories by overcoming Kowloon by four goals to nil. Play was interesting without being scientific. Kowloon had a fair share of the game, but were unconvincing in attack.

The teams lined up as follows:

Navy: Brockman; Jones, Baker; Pugsley, Evans, Moss; Barkham, Firth, Peacock, Mann, and Bowles.

Kowloon: Angus; Pile, Robinson; Downman, Easterbrook, Haat; Easternman, Hedley, Spary, Miles and Baldwin.

Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

The Navy were quickly off the mark, fine combination between Barkham and Firth nearly leading to an early goal. Peacock was playing a brainy game in the centre, his passes to both wings being models of accuracy.

From one of those Bowles had a clear run through to goal, but the outside left carried the ball too far. The Kowloon forwards were rarely in the picture, although Miles and Spary made one or two spirited bursts which kept Jones and Baker fully extended. The Kowloon goal had a series of extraordinary escapes when shots were rained in by every forward in turn, but Angus proved equal to the occasion, and made some first class clearances, whilst Pile and Robinson did great defensive work against heavy odds.

Half-time:

Navy 0
Kowloon 0

Naval Rally

A long range drive by Evans was the first item of note after the resumption, after which Mann missed a sitter from close in. The Navy were not long to be deceived, however, and opened the score through Peacock, who broke through in characteristic style and gave no chance.

The Navy were having all the game at this stage, with the exception of an occasional break-away by Miles, who battled along gamely in a poorly combined forward line. After Peacock had struck the upright with an unstoppable drive, the ball came to Firth, who had an easy task to give his side a further lead.

The game lost much of its interest at this stage, play being one-sided, but Angus continued to give a great display of goal-keeping, and could not be blamed for the two further goals, which were both scored by Firth.

Result: Navy 4
Kowloon 0

Comment

For the Navy, Brockman had little to do in goal, whilst the backs were also not greatly overworked. Evans was the pick of the half back line, his head work being very effective. Peacock, Firth and Bowles were the best in a strong forward line.

The Kowloon defence put up an heroic struggle against overwhelming odds, Robinson being particularly safe. Easterbrook impressed most amongst the half backs, whilst Miles was easily the best of the forwards.

H.K.F.C. v. K.O.S.B.

Spectators on the Hong Kong Football Club ground were given a rare treat yesterday, a most exciting struggle being witnessed, as a result of which the teams shared four goals. Although two goals in hand until 15 minutes from the end, the H.K.F.C. were never quite such a strong combination as their visitors, but a magnificent defensive display, in which Edwards and Bishop excelled, kept all attacks at bay until the final stages.

The teams were as follows: H.K.F.C.: Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Wallington, Scott, and Trambitsky.

K.O.S.B.: McDougall; Barkham, Gardner; Everest, Davey, Slidgers; Humphreys, Stock, Reeves, McGlinchey, and Alexander.

Referee: Capt. A. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Played opened with every promise of sensations, for the Club got right away, and only a misunderstanding between Alexander and Wallington saved the Borderers from an early reverse.

Result:

Navy 0
Club de Recreio 1

K.O.S.B. v. KOWLOON

Played at Sookumpoo. This match went very much as expected, the Borderers winning handsomely by six goals to one.

Kowloon were the first to score through Moss, and held their lead to the interval, although hard pressed.

The second half saw the Kowloon defence give way under persistent attacks, and the Borderers had matters pretty much their own way, goals being scored by Crawley (3), Stevens (2), and Barras.

Result: K.O.S.B. 6
Kowloon 1

R.A.F. v. SOUTH CHINA ATH.

This game at King's Park resulted in a goalless draw.

Teams: R.A.F.: Bracher; Chambers, Capeuer; Springett, Paton, Marvin; Buckland, Plunkett, Jarvis, Perry, and Locke.

South China: Cio Chai-wan; Chan Lui-say, Chin Hing-tong; Ng Po-kua, Sang King-kai, Cheung Yin-chun; Fin Ting-wah, Fung Man-kit, Sio Hong, Tam Kong-pak, and Sam Kwok-cheung.

The visitors won the toss, and appeared to take this as a good sign of their ultimate possibilities, judging by the manner in which Plunkett snapped up the ball in the first few minutes and reluctantly lost it to Tam Kong-pak, who, however, handled and conceded a free kick for the Air-men. Paton took the chance, but he misjudged and put the ball over the cross-bar. Ng Po-kua broke away, taking a shot from a short range which Bracher expeditiously dealt with.

At half-time no goals had been scored.

On resuming, Fin Ting-wah took up the offensive on behalf of his side and sent in some fine shots which tested Bracher's abilities to the limit, but without success. No superiority was apparent on either side and a comparatively uninteresting game ended in a goalless draw.

Result: R.A.F. 0
South China Athletic 0

QUEEN'S REGT. v. CHINESE ATHLETIC

Played before a large crowd on the St. Joseph's Ground at Happy Valley, this match produced some good football, victory going to the Queen's by three clear goals.

The winners deserved their success, their forward line combining most effectively, whilst Taylor, Dennis, and Gasson all did fine work in the defence. The opening goal was scored by Gill after Sui Tin-dim had misjudged a glorious centre from Eady. A terrific drive from Morris sailed just over the bar, after which the Queen's increased their lead as the result of a nice shot by Evans.

The Athletic set up determined attacks after the resumption, Ho Ka-keung and Li Fong doing some clever work, but the Queen's defenders soon had their measure and Rowbotham was seldom called upon to clear his charge. Evans scored the third goal for the Queen's after a fine run by Gill.

Result:

Queen's, 3; Chinese Athletic, 0.

EASTERN v. SMALL UNITS

These teams met at Caroline Hill, and an interesting struggle ended in a draw, the teams sharing six goals.

Play was remarkably even throughout, but the Small Units missed several good chances of snatching a victory. Haroon opened the scoring for Eastern, and Dolling equalised for the Units. Haroon and Sabhan were seen to great advantage in the Eastern forward line. The latter played in the centre instead of at outside left, and scored two fine goals before the interval, Small Units replying once through Twelves.

The second half was fought out grimly, both sides attacking in turn. The only goal, however, came from Twelves, who brought the scores level with a fine drive from long range.

Result: Eastern, 3; Small Units, 3.

League Tables To Date

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	14	10	2	2	29	14	22
Queen's	15	9	3	4	40	13	24
Police	16	9	3	3	23	15	21
Athletic	13	7	5	1	30	18	19
K.O.S.B.	13	6	3	5	32	19	10
Royal Navy	14	6	3	5	23	21	13
R.A.	12	0	6	6	20	24	12
Recreio	14	4	3	7	35	33	11
Kowloon	14	3	5	6	11	21	11
H.K.F.C.	13	2	5	6	18	35	9
Small Units	15	0	15	9	62	0	

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	15	13	1	1	66	14	27
K.O.S.B.	16	12	1	2	71	17	25
Queen's	14	11	2	1	53	14	24
Athletic	12	8	1	3	27	13	17
R.A.F.	17	0	3	8	35	56	14
St. Joseph's	10	0	2	8	24	29	14
S. China	16	0	2	7	24	35	14
Kowloon	16	0	5	7	17	45	11
Eastern	14	0	6	8	22	51	11
H.A.	14	4	2	8	35	40	10
Recreio	10	4	2	10	20	48	10
S. China "A"	17	1	8	8	18	38	10
Small Units	18	3	4	11	25	67	10

League Div. II

NAVY v. CLUB DE RECREIO

The Navy entertained the Club de Recreio at Happy Valley, and although winning by five goals to one, were not by any means in their best form. The visitors, in fact, had a fair share of the play in the first half, and should have scored on several occasions. The only goal of the initial half was obtained by Evans, following a scramble round the Recreio goal.

The Navy started the second half in more convincing style, and their methods soon led to success, when Gray converted a pass from Sweet. The Recreio defence worked pluckily, Marques giving a fine display in goal, but he was unable to prevent further points from Evans, Sorbie and Gray.

Just before the final whistle, Recreio obtained their solitary point, which was scored by Gon-sals.

Result:

Navy 5
Club de Recreio 1

K.O.S.B. v. KOWLOON

Played at Sookumpoo. This match went very much as ex-

CRICKET LEAGUE

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Another Century Scored By Brace

The championships of the Cricket League were decided yesterday, the Hong Kong C.C. being the winners of both divisions. Although their fixtures have not yet been completed (they have still one more match to play in each division), the H.K.C.C. have placed themselves out of the reach of any other side, whatever may be the result of their remaining engagements.

The Chinese R.C., without their best all-round player, W. C. Hung, lost easily to the Royal Artillery in the only other fixture in the First Division.

Detailed accounts of the seven matches in the League yesterday and two "friendlies" follow:—

League I

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. defeated the Royal Navy by six wickets.

Dobbie and Wales, bowling unchanged for the winners, were in great form and shared the wickets between them for which they recorded 41 and 23 runs respectively. The first four Navy wickets fell for an average of two runs each, and the whole side was dismissed for 68.

The H.K.C.C. had little difficulty in passing their opponents' total and after the match had been won, Parker and Dobbie hit out merrily for 51 and 50 runs, respectively. Scores:—

Royal Navy

Capt. Weir, c Owen Hughes, b Wales 1
Wales 0
Capt. Cornish, c Owen Hughes, b Dobbie 0
Lt. Sillitoe, c Owen Hughes, b Dobbie 1
Lt. Comdr. Abelson, c Quick, b Wales 4
Mid. Parkhurst, b Dobbie 16
Comdr. Baker, b Wales 10
Lt. Norris, b Dobbie 12
Comdr. Stanley, not out 11
Lt. Davies, c Owen Hughes, b Wales 6
Pay Lt. Watch, c Wales, b Dobbie 0
A.B. Large, c Dobbie, b Wales 3
Extras 4

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 16 4 41 5
Wales 15 5 23 5

Hong Kong C.C.

A. W. Hayward, b Baker 2
Capt. A. N. Evers, b Large 39
Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b Weir 5
J. L. Bonnar, c and b Large 5
H. Owen Hughes, l.b.w. 34
Watch 51
H. V. Parker, c Parkhurst, b Watch 51
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, not out 50
Extras 18

Total (for 6 wks.)

E. J. R. Mitchell, Lt. Col. L. J. Lightfoot, H. R. B. Hancock and C. D. Wales did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Baker 11 1 47 1
Large 12 4 32 2
Watch 9 3 59 2
Weir 9 1 33 1
Sillitoe 1 0 14 0

Chinese R.C. v. R.A.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. lost to the Royal Artillery by 96 runs.

A big partnership between S. M. Leach (71) and Lt. Musson (91) which produced 148 runs for the third wicket, paved the way to the substantial total of 208 for seven wickets (declared), put up by the R.A. Youngsaye, given the ball late, captured four wickets for nine runs.

The home team replied with 112, the top scorer being W. H. Sling (39). Scores:—

Royal Artillery

Capt. MacNair, c Choe, b Chue 2
Lt. Maltas, c Sling, b Chue 15
S. M. Leach, c Sling, b Chue 71
Lt. Musson, c Choe, b Youngsaye 91
Lt. Wolfe Barry, c Chue, b Youngsaye 0
Lt. Wright, not out 22
Lt. Christian, c and b Youngsaye 1
Lt. Walter, c Tsui Wal-pui, b Youngsaye 1
Youngsaye 3
Capt. Kennedy, not out 0
Extras 6

Total (for 7 wks., dec.)

Lt. Miller and Sgt. Glazebrook did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Ching 14 2 78 1
Chue 10 0 60 2
H. C. Hung 1 0 21 0
Tsui Wal-pui 1 0 13 0
Sling 2 0 22 0
Youngsaye 4 0 9 4

Chinese R.C.

H. Hung, b Christian 0
J. L. Youngsaye, b Leach 9
W. H. Sling, c Musson, b Miller 39
Tsui Wal-pui, b Leach 4
C. Choe, b Leach 25
H. C. Hung, c Musson, b Leach 4

Sig. Warwick, b Overy 0
C.S.M. Kennard, b Overy 16
Sgt. Mitchell, not out 1
Sgt. Harrison, c Mackay, b Lee 2
Extras 2

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Overy 14 3 33 5
Lee 14 6 28 5

K.C.C. 2nd XI

N. A. E. Mackay, c Skinner, b Durand 2
F. S. W. Smith, b Durand 5
S. Jex, c White, b Durand 21
A. R. F. Raven, b Durand 0
G. Lee, b Wyatt 16
Lt. Puttee, c White, b Harrison 18
B. Petheram, c Skinner, b Harrison 17
Harrison 44
K. R. Mackaskill, b Harrison 7
E. R. Price, c and b Harrison 1
O. B. Raven, c Macdonald, b Harrison 1
H. Overy, not out 1
Extras 9

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Durand 12 1 34 4
Wyatt 11 3 37 1
Skinner 5 0 43 0
Harrison 4 3 1 21 5

P.R.C. v. Electric R.C.

At Happy Valley, the Police R.C. won comfortably from the Electric R.C.

The visitors could not muster more than 76 runs against the steady bowling of the Police, Dyer (4 for 14) being the most successful.

The home team had all their wickets intact when they overtook the Electric R.C.'s total. Meadows (42) and Hunter (47) compiled 80 runs for the first wicket, the Police total reaching 207. Scores:—

Electric R.C.

C. E. Gahagan, c Randle, b Lacey 6
W. N. H. Murdoch, c Meadows, b Lacey 11
A. F. Paul, b King 6
L. de Rome, c and b Dyer 15
J. C. Dunbar, b Lacey 16
J. H. Way, not out 16
H. F. Akehurst, c Meadows, b Dyer 2
W. E. Peers, c Hunter, b Dyer 2
G. S. Thomson, b King 9
W. B. Musket, c Dyer, b King 2
H. S. Jones, c and b Dyer 14
Extras 14

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Lacey 7 2 11 3
King 8 0 32 3
Randle 4 1 5 0
Dyer 4 3 1 14 4

Police R.C.

W. E. Meadows, b Gahagan 42
T. R. Hunter, b Gahagan 47
S. Randle, c Jones, b J. R. Way 26
A. E. Lacey, c Peers, b J. R. Way 14
Way 2
T. H. King, b J. R. Way 15
A. Reynolds, st Akehurst, b Murdoch 6
B. Thorpe, b Murdoch 4
F. Howarth, b Murdoch 5
E. H. Dyer, b Murdoch 3
W. H. Noonan, b Peers 7
J. H. Edwards, not out 22
Extras 22

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Reid 7 4 12 4
Duckitt 8 2 13 2
Vallack 5 1 14 2
Summers 3 2 0 4 2

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI

H. J. Armstrong, b Waters 27
K. H. Batger, c Lonsdale, b Gregory 9
E. R. Duckitt, c Wright, b Waters 4
A. Reid, c and b Gregory 13
G. E. R. Divett, b Waters 13
Lt. W. A. H. Maxwell, c Timothy, b Waters 10
L. A. R. Duncan, b Gregory 29
J. A. Summers, not out 29
G. R. Vallack, c Waters, b Moseley 21
J. E. Hancock, c Waters, b Gregory 5
Extras 2

Total (for 9 wks.)

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Gregory 17 5 4 49 4
Timothy 4 1 10 0
Waters 8 0 26 4
Trusler 3 0 14 0
Moseley 2 0 19 1

K.C.C. 2ND v. R.E. & S.

On their own ground, the second string of the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals by five wickets. Overy and Lee bowled throughout for the winners and captured five wickets each for 33 and 28 runs, the R.E. and S. being dismissed for the paltry score of 63. K. R. Mackaskill was the highest contributor for the K.C.C., whose total reached 147 runs. Scores:—

R.E. and S.

Q.M.S. Leppard, c Mackay, b Lee 3
Lt. Col. Penny, b Overy 3
Lt. Col. Wyatt, c Puttee, b Lee 5
Lt. Col. Durand, c A. R. F. Raven, b Overy 0
Col. Skinner, st Mackay, b Overy 21
Lt. Macdonald, c O. B. Raven, b Lee 1
Sig. White, b Lee 8

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Fry 21 4 45 6
Simpson 5 0 35 0
Winfield 18 2 66 8

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Baker 11 5 4 11 4
Roy 4 1 15 0
Osman 9 1 27 4
Chan Fook 4 2 5 0
Lulleman 1 0 2 0

R.A.O.C. v. RECREIO

In a match of low scores at Soekumpoo, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps lost to the Club de Recreio by six wickets.

Bowlers held the upper hand for the most part, Sousa (9 for 31) returning the best analysis on either side.

H. M. Xavier, going in first for the Recreio, made more than half the total score of his side. Scores:—

R.A.O.C.

L. Cpl. Burger, c Barros, b Sousa 10
L. Cpl. Gordon, c Guterres, b Sousa 10
Pte. Garner, c Xavier, b Sousa 6
Q.M.S. Wisner, b Pinna 14
Pte. Bryant, not out 14
Q.M.S. Mocock, c Guterres, b Sousa 1
Pte. Corbett, c and b Sousa 4
Pte. Brooks, c Sousa 0
Sgt. Anderson, c Alves, b Sousa 3
Sgt. Dixon, b Sousa 4
Cpl. Rowe, c Remedios, b Sousa 1
Extras 10

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Sousa 11 2 3 31 9
Pinna 7 0 19 1
Alves 4 2 3 0

Club de Recreio

H. M. Xavier, c Gordon, b Wisner 46
H. A. Alves, b Brooks 3
F. J. Remedios, l.b.w. 0
Corbett 0
F. H. Carvalho, c Brooks, b Corbett 2
L. J. Guterres, b Anderson 7
M. F. Pinna, not out 8
H. A. Barros, b Anderson 0
J. W. Barnes, c Mocock, b Anderson 5
L. P. Lopes, c Corbett, b Wisner 1
G. A. Noronha, b Anderson 0
C. M. Sousa, b Anderson 10
Extras 10

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Corbett 7 2 13 2
Brooks 7 0 19 1
Anderson 6 5 0 18 5
Wisner 6 0 22 2

Friendly Matches

CIVIL SERVICE v. K.C.C.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. drew with the Kowloon C.C.

Brace, of the K.C.C., had the distinction of scoring another century, this being the fourth time in two weeks that he has reached the three-figure mark.

Bowlers on either side were expensive, but Goodwin (also of the K.C.C.) had the satisfaction of taking three wickets with successive deliveries toward the end. Scores:—

Kowloon C.C.

W. Brace, retired 105
A. W. Ramsay, c and b Evans 38
E. C. Finch, c Hamilton, b Ling 23
E. F. Fincher, not out 26
R. E. H. Oliver, not out 9
Extras 0

Total (for 3 wks., dec.)

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Kelly 8 0 28 0
Edmonds 5 0 30 0
Hamilton 8 0 42 0
Evans 4 0 28 1
Sayer 4 0 22 0
Ling 6 1 30 1
Eldridge 3 0 21 0

Civil Service C.C.

G. R. Sayer, c E. C. Finch, b Ross 25
B. D. Evans, c E. C. Finch, b Oliver 73
R. N. Wood, c Lawrence, b Goodwin 34
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Lawrence, b Goodwin 4
D. R. Kelly, c Ross, b Oliver 11
F. H. Holdman, not out 11
W. Eldridge, b Goodwin 5
F. J. Ling, b Goodwin 0
W. H. Edmonds, l.b.w., b Oliver 0
V. Chittenden, not out 18
Extras 18

Total (for 9 wks.)

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 14 2 62 5
Ross 8 1 31 1
Brace 6 1 37 0
Hirst 3 1 9 0
Oliver 8 0 30 8

CRAIGENGOWER v. D.B.S.

In a closely-contested game at Happy Valley, the Craigenower C.C. defeated the Diocesan Boys' School by three runs.

After dismissing their more seasoned opponents for 111 runs, the

Total

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 14 2 62 5
Ross 8 1 31 1
Brace 6 1 37 0
Hirst 3 1 9 0
Oliver 8 0 30 8

Division II

H.K.C.C. 2nd 11 10 0 1 30
Indian R.C. 2nd 12 9 1 2 28
R.E. & S. 11 8 0 3 24
Kowloon C.C. 2nd 11 5 4 2 19
Recreio 12 5 1 0 16
Craigenower 2nd 10 4 2 4 14
University 2nd 8 3 2 8 11
G.S.C.C. 2nd 9 3 2 4 11
Police R.C. 11 8 0 8 0
Royal Navy 2nd 8 2 1 5 7
Electric R.C. 10 0 0 7 3
R.A.O.C. 6 0 0 6 0

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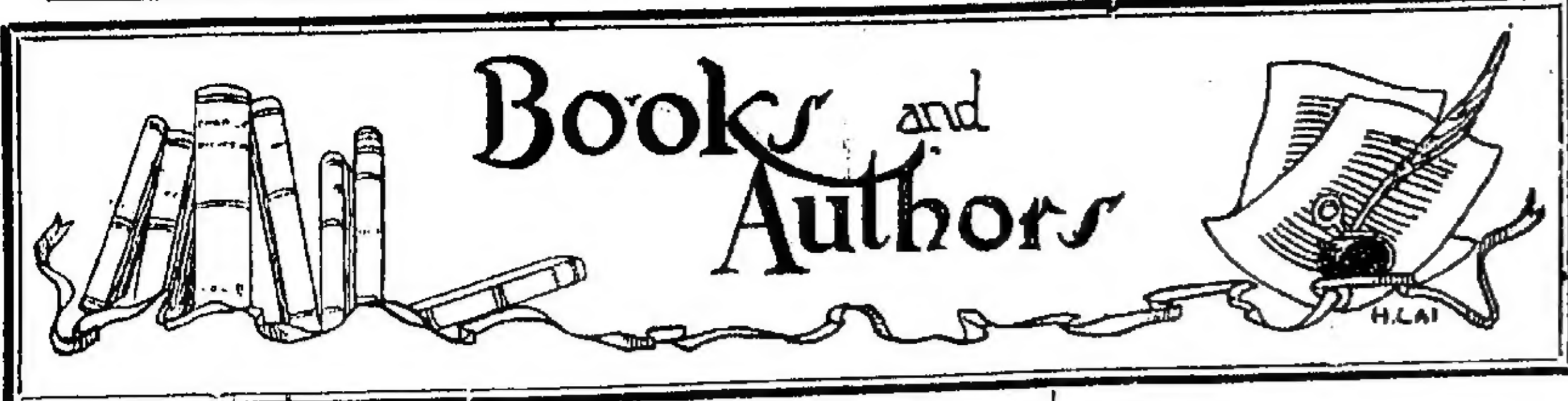
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European Diplomacy Traced

["Twenty-Five Years": Viscount Grey of Fallodon (Hodder and Stoughton, The People's Library, 7 6s.)]

This is, in a sense, the *apologia pro vita sua* of one who was both a great statesman, and a great and generous man. Apart from that it is a book of the highest intrinsic interest and importance; for the years during which the author held office are among the most critical in the history of the world. "Twenty-Five Years" does not pretend to be an exhaustive discussion of the causes and effects of the War; it was written for the new generation which is dispassionately and increasingly anxious for the truth.

In the first two volumes Viscount Grey has traced almost from day to



day the actual course of European diplomacy and the changes in international sentiment and motives that led to the horror of the years 1914 to 1918. The working of British foreign policy is carefully shown, and praised rather for its "negative good qualities" of which the most essential is that "it is based on an instinct for peace and stability, and does not depend on the ceaseless supervision of one great man."

State of Ill-Will

In 1893 when Grey first went to the Foreign Office, he found "a dangerous state of ill-will" between nations. France was ready to go to war over small incidents like that at Bangkok. Russia and Germany were eager to acquire territory in the Far East. In general the British position was one of discomfort. We relied on German support in Egypt, but "were never sure when the price

would be exacted"; at any moment we were liable to quarrel with France or Russia, and Berlin welcomed such differences. Salisbury's Government went still further in complaisance with Germany, and our relations with France and Russia grew gradually more strained, with the former over the Fashoda affair, and with the latter over the taking of Port Arthur and the Afghan frontier question.

An alliance with Germany was proposed in 1899, but the idea was not taken up at Berlin. By 1900 the German policy of a huge fleet was very clear, and Britain took two definite steps: the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and in 1904 the Agreement with France, towards whom Balfour's government determined to adopt a policy of understanding and good-will. This grew into the Entente, in spite of German attempts to break it by fostering a spirit of distrust in France, especially when in crises like the Algerias Conference or the Agadir Incident Britain could not pledge to France more than diplomatic support. Germany was continuing to increase her armaments at a terrific rate, in spite of the assurance of Metetrich to the world that her intentions were pacific, "precautions, not preparations"; but Viscount Grey says, great armaments must lead to war and the growth of them and the sense of fear and insecurity so caused made 1914 inevitable.

"Place in the Sun"

Through the immediately preceding years he shows the ceaseless efforts of Germany to stir up anti-British suspicion in Paris and St. Petersburg, and to secure that "place in the sun" she so desired. German influence became paramount in Turkey and the Near East, when the British sacrificed their material interests in vain protests against the Turkish treatment of Macedonia and Armenia, which Germany tolerated, because "German policy ruled out all moral purposes except national interest." When in 1908 Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus arbitrarily altering a European treaty without the consent of the other signatories, Germany openly deprecated this, yet really supported her, as she was to do again in 1914, but this time war was averted. Russia preferred humiliation.

The Agadir Crisis in 1911 seemed another effort to break the Entente

by showing France that friendship with Britain would lead France into trouble, but when Germany saw there was a real risk of war, she switched over to a policy of peace. Der Tag was not yet at hand. The last crisis was the Balkan War which, largely owing to the statesmanship of Grey, was settled by the Conference in London in 1912.

German Peril

In 1914 no progress had been made in the reduction or even in arrest of competition of armaments, but the German peril seemed actually less imminent than it had seemed in 1905 or 1911. There was no further attempt to break the Entente, and we had met Germany over the Baghdad Railway and the Portuguese colonies, and generally relations seemed improved. Conversations had already taken place between French and British military experts and now were held between Russian and British naval authorities so that collaboration might be assured with our allies in case of sudden need but it was insisted on that these in no way pledged any of the countries concerned to go to war on behalf of another. Grey hoped that if any further difficulties arose in the Balkans they might be settled again by conference.

The Sarajevo murders took place in June, followed by the Austrian ultimatum, and the submissive reply of Serbia. Grey was convinced that war must be prevented, but the German Ambassador was not in the full confidence of the military party which was in control at Berlin, and diplomacy became increasingly difficult. In July Grey proposed a conference, but Germany vetoed it, apparently without consulting Austria, on the grounds that it would give France and Russia more time to prepare. Nothing short of a complete diplomatic triumph would be accepted. Blow after blow shattered the last frail hopes of peace.

Germany bid for British neutrality by saying that she would "make no territorial acquisitions at the expense of France"—but would make no undertaking about French colonies! It depended on the actions of France what operations Germany might be "forced to enter on in Belgium, but after the war Belgium's neutrality would be respected unless she had sided against Germany." On July 31 Britain

sent a request to France and Germany that each would respect Belgian neutrality as long as no other power violated it. France gave an assurance; Germany evaded the question. Russia mobilised, a necessary precaution, since for her mobilisation was a matter of weeks, for Germany one of hours.

War Precipitated

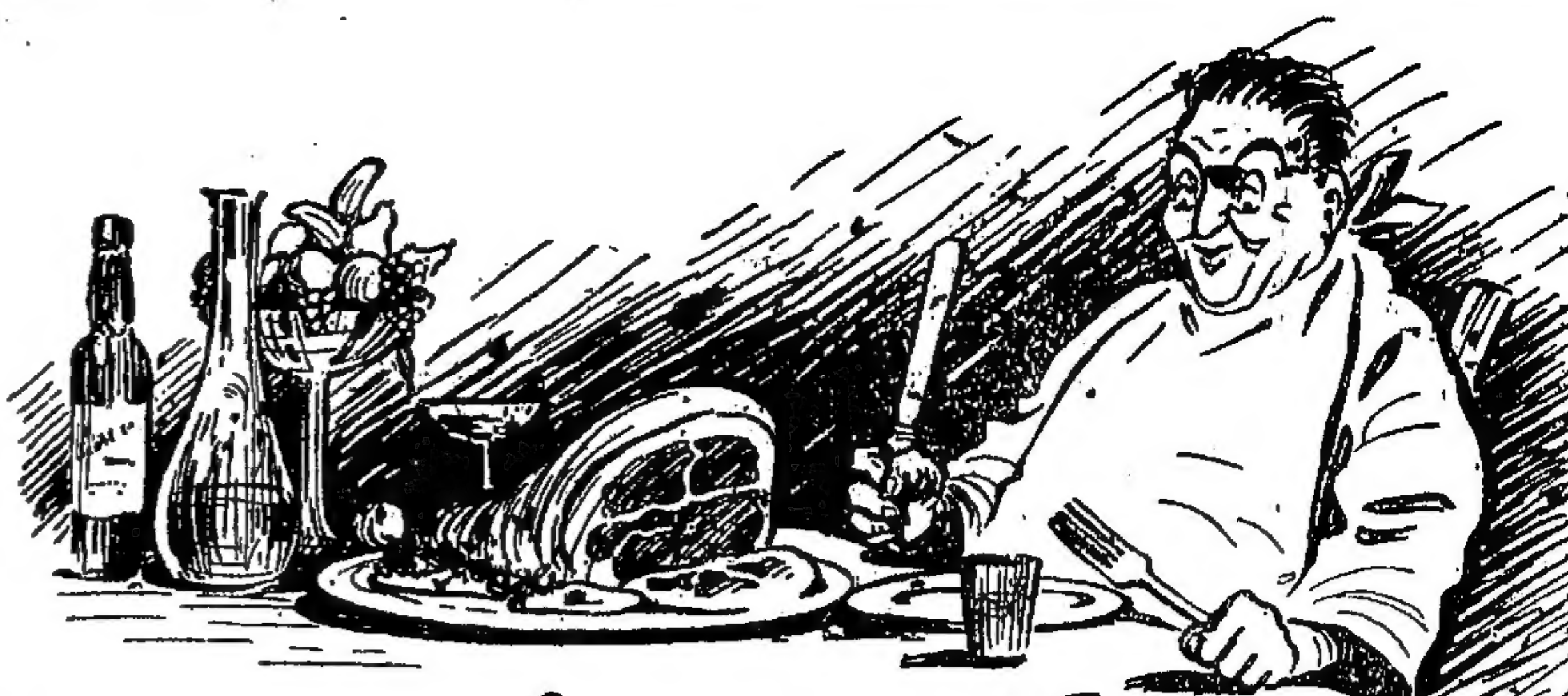
Germany sent an ultimatum, and precipitated war, and then told Austria that as an ally she could not stay out. France could no longer remain neutral, and as the main German army advanced on her, the Cabinet was faced with the violation of Belgium, who on August 1st announced her intention of defending her right. In his great speech of August 3, (here printed as an Appendix) which still has power to move as it moved a nation that evening, Grey showed that we could no longer hold back, if we did not stand by Belgium and France against this aggression we should be "isolated, discredited, hated." And so came Armageddon.

Allies' Relations

The third volume deals with diplomacy during the first two years of the war, and gives a masterly analysis of the relations between the Allies themselves, and of the difficulty of securing solidarity in the council chamber and in the field, of the intricate web of politics in connection with neutral States, especially with America, for, as the author points out, the cardinal error would have been a breach with her. Of that error German diplomacy was guilty. A series of letters between Grey and Roosevelt forms a very interesting and pleasant interlude.

In the concluding chapters (Grey resigned in December, 1916, so his record ends on that date) the writer discusses some of the more important issues and topics connected with his life and work. There are vivid and generous studies of his colleagues, Kitchener, Haldane, Asquith, and Lloyd George; an account of the working of the Foreign Office; and finally a thoughtful and illuminating consideration of the attitude of British foreign policy during Grey's years of office, and of the "old" diplomacy which so freely decried as being responsible for the war.

No one who has read this book and understood the appalling difficulties faced by the British Foreign Office during the period will join uncritically in that outcry. As the writer constantly insists, British diplomacy was straightforward, and always directed to securing peace. This openness was one of its chief disadvantages, because of the incredulity of Berlin and other nations. "No one seemed able to believe the truth," he caustically remarks, "it was too simple." The conclusion of it all is that what Europe needs, is not a "new



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Greatness of Spirit

Every statement is fully documented by extracts from actual telegrams, and dispatches. No pains have been spared in the necessary research. Facts are marshalled clearly and succinctly. There is no verbosity, no excusing, no appeal for popular sympathy, and, above all, no rhetoric in this book. There is nothing mean or malicious in its tone, even in the passages which pass adverse criticism on Government or on individuals. But there is visible a greatness of spirit and a faith to morality and ideals of honour and responsibility not found often since the days of Burke. How proudly our national honour was upheld we and the world know. It might have been otherwise had not men like this been at the head of affairs.

Viscount Grey has given most of his life to the service of his country, and in this book is the justification of that life for all to read. His own estimate of his friend, the American, Walter Hynes Page, of whom he writes here that he had "the highest type of patriotism which is not only love of one's country, but belief in it," is perhaps, the truest criticism of the writer of this book.

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WEATHER FIGURES

Observatory Returns For January

WARMER THAN USUAL

Although only 164 hours of sunshine were recorded at the Royal Observatory in January, and there were six days in which there was no sunshine, the total rainfall was only .93 inch against an average of 1.315 inches. The Colony's rainfall statistics for last month follow:—

	No. of Days	Inches
Observatory (Kowloon)	8	.93
Botanical Gardens (Hong Kong)	5	1.30
Matilda Hospital (Mount Kellett)	7	.99
Police Station (Taipei)	5	1.48

Temperatures
The mean temperatures for the month, with the "normal" stated in brackets were:—maximum 66.9 (64.5), mean 62.5 (59.9), minimum 59.4 (56.3), so that it will be seen that January was warmer than usual. The highest temperature was 74.4 on the 14th and 15th, and the lowest 52.2 on the 4th.

The lowest reading of the barometer at measure level was 29.877 inches from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 30th.

The maximum gust velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 47 miles per hour at 9.52 p.m. on the 16th.

MENTAL CALENDAR

To find the day of the week for any given date during 1920, add the date to the number for the month, as below:—

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
2	5	5	1
May	June	July	Aug.
8	4	4	4
Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
0	2	0	0

If the total is less than 14, subtract 7, if 14 and more, divide the number by 7, and the remainder is the day of the week—reckoning Sunday as 1, Monday 2, Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Thursday 5, Friday 6, Saturday 7 or 0. (The latter in cases where the total is divisible exactly by 7, examples, January 26, April 27, September 28, etc.)

MUMTAZ BEGUM

The Divorced Dancing Girl

HECTIC CAREER

Another chapter in the life of Mumtaz Begum, the dancing girl for whom a throne was lost by the ex-Maharajah of Indore, has closed with her divorce from Mr. Abdul Rahman, an Amritsar merchant who married Mumtaz in March, 1926.

The words "I divorce thee," uttered three times by Mr. Rahman according to Mohammedan custom, dissolved the marriage, and once again this fascinating girl, whose smiles and favours have driven men and governments to distraction, is free.

The divorce, it is stated, was one of mutual arrangement, because Mr. Rahman's family objected to his wife.

The pair had been living in Karachi for the last nine months, but their life had been one of concealment.

Mumtaz is now on the way to her mother at Bombay, and a pathetic scene was witnessed at the final separation, both Mumtaz and Rahman shedding tears.

After the divorce Mr. Rahman said: "This ends the life of constant worry and uneasiness connected with such a romance. I have no ill-will towards Mumtaz.

Schoolgirl in a Palace

"To obey the wishes of my respected father, and with the view of taking seriously to business again, I had no alternative but to divorce her."

Since she was a child of ten the life of Mumtaz Begum has been overshadowed by romance and tragedy.

It was as a lissome schoolgirl that she first attracted the attention of the Maharajah of Indore, who had ascended the throne at the age of fourteen.

The Indian ruler took the girl from her mother and installed her in his great palace at Lal Baj, where she lived in magnificence hard to imagine until she was nineteen years of age. She became the "Dancing Queen," "Lady of the

Lotus," and ruler over the Maharajah's wives and dancing girls.

Then Mumtaz, wearying of her life of luxury in a gilded cage, escaped from the palace and flew to the arms of her wealthy lover, Abdul Baula, a merchant. For a dancing girl to leave a ruler in such circumstances was almost unheard of.

Baula lived with the girl, and for some time they were happy together, until one day the merchant, tired of secrecy, drove his prize, laden with jewels, along the famous road of Malabar Hill, near Bombay.

It was a rash thing to do, for the Maharajah had suffered a terrible affront when Mumtaz left him.

Suddenly at dusk, as the couple sat tenderly caressing each other, another motor-car crashed into theirs. Several men leaped from it and began firing into Baula's car. He was mortally wounded, dying next day.

Then the assailants tried to drag Mumtaz from the car, but she fought, determined, as she afterwards said, not to be taken alive. In the scuffle one of the men slashed her face to mar her beauty.

The abduction might have succeeded had not a car containing several British officers rushed to the scene at her cries and the shots.

These officers attacked the would-be abductors and beat them off with golf clubs.

The members of the abduction party were recognised as officials of the Court of Indore. Two were executed and the other four were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Married American

The allegation was made that the attack was plotted by the Maharajah of Indore, and the British Government gave him the alternative of standing his trial or abdicating. The Maharajah abdicated, and soon afterwards went to America on a pleasure trip.

He fell in love with Miss Nancy Miller, an American girl, and married her. Miss Miller changed her religion, became a Hindu, and was installed in the place of the former dancing girl, despite the protests of the ex-ruler's other wives. The ex-Maharajah is 35 and his white wife 25.

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CRACKER FIRING

Local "Gazette" Publishes Warning

PERMISSION NECESSARY

A previous notification having appeared as long ago as Jan. 7, 1921, the Government has made an announcement in the "Gazette" relative to the discharge of fire-crackers in the Colony. It reads:—

"Attention is drawn to the fact that the firing of crackers without a permit is illegal.

"Applications for permits to fire crackers ashore should be made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The sanction of the Harbour Master is required to fire crackers from vessels of any kind."

EXTRA JUDGES

Supreme Court Ordinance Amendment

An ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance of 1873 is to be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

At present the power to appoint temporarily a judge of the Supreme Court is confined to the following cases:—Where the office of a judge has become vacant by death or otherwise; in case of the temporary illness or absence of a judge; for the purposes of the Full Court Ordinance of 1912.

There is no express power to appoint a judge to relieve from or in his judicial duties a judge who may be engaged at the time in other public work, or to appoint an additional judge for the purpose of dealing with a pressure of judicial work. The chief object of this bill is to give the Governor power to appoint a temporary judge in any case in which he considers it desirable for any reason. This is effected by clause 4 of the bill.

Mumtaz Begum meanwhile became the wife of Rahman. Now she states that she will live quietly at Bombay with her mother for ever, turning her back on wealth and romance.

BANKRUPTCY LAW

Amendments to Local Ordinance

THE RECEIVER'S REPORT

A short bill to amend the local Bankruptcy Ordinance is to come before the Legislative Council shortly to introduce two provisions of the English bankruptcy law which do not appear in the Hong Kong Bankruptcy Ordinance (No. 7 of 1891), though they did appear in the English Act on which that Ordinance was founded, i.e., the Bankruptcy Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict., c. 71. These two provisions appear also in the present English Bankruptcy Act, 1914, 4 & 5 Geo. 5, c. 59.

They are (a) a provision that when a bankrupt comes up for his discharge the Court shall take into consideration a report of the Official Receiver on the bankrupt's conduct and affairs, including his conduct during the bankruptcy proceedings, and (b) a provision that the Official Receiver's report shall be *prima facie* evidence of the statements therein contained.

The amendments are made applicable to pending bankruptcies.

The Official Receiver notifies in the "Gazette" that a first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the following cases:—

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Hau Pak-yan alias Ah Hau, fitter, of the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd.
The trustee in the case of the Shun Loong Shing Kuo Lan, salt fish commission agents of Nos. 9 and 10, Mui Fong-street, issues a similar notification.

The Church of England, I believe, is called upon to play a leading part in the federation, if not the reunion, of Christendom.—The Dean of Durham (Bishop Welldon).

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What Did the Tourists Spend Here?

When in Peking, so one of the publicity staff told me, the 480 tourists on the *Belgenland* (who were here last week) spent G\$100,000 between them, that is, including purchases, hotel bills, etc. Which causes some Hong Kong shopmen's mouths to water. I wonder, though, whether they parted with as much here? I think not. But, thanks in considerable measure to the advance propaganda undertaken by the *China Mail*, a good many tradesmen benefited largely from what was spent. The 400 on the *Empress of Australia* came from the South and also patronised Hong Kong generously. Which augurs well for the latter part of the local tourist season. I have written to enquire how much the respective ships did spend here and the replies will be given in this page when received.

Ma Jong out of favour in Now Out Hong Kong? I of Favour? hardly think so. But a scribe in Shanghai, in referring to "the failure of the colossal business" recalls the slump in the export of ma jong sets to the U.S.A. a few years ago after the first boom. He says:—The fascinating game caught the fancy of our American friends. It was reported that one individual spent over \$2,000 in cabling instructions to Shanghai for a special set for his private use. The craze spread over America like wild fire. Not a respectable department store could afford not to have a window display of ma jong sets. Chinese students were in great demand as instructors and even Fifth Avenue threw its door open to the heathen Chinese. Books began to make rapid appearance on this intriguing pastime and "authorities" started to debate in the Press the technical points of this game. Chinese import and export firms lost no time rushing ma jong sets into the United States and in America factories were built for their manufacture. The inevitable collapse came.

The date of appointment of Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., as General Officer Commanding, South China Command, is January 5. His Excellency the G.O.C. has been military attache at Berlin since 1927, and the three previous years was at The Hague. He was dangerously wounded in the South African War; in the Great War he commanded an infantry brigade, being mentioned in despatches, receiving the brevet of Colonel, the C.B., and C.M.G. His Aide-de-Camp is Lieut. D. R. M. Cameron, the Camerons (i.e., the Cameron Highlanders and not the Cameronians).

Following the success of the Grand "Navy Week" has been suggested that it might be repeated once a year and also that, on the other hand, the Royal Navy might consider the holding of a "Navy Week" here during the winter on the lines of those held at Home. This is what the *Army, Navy and Air Force Gazette* has to say on this interesting subject:—

"The decision to allow the 'Navy Weeks' which were so popular in August last to become an annual feature at the home ports is a good one, for it will benefit both the Service and the public. Directly, officers and men will gain by the sums realised for their various charities, and indirectly it will also be to their advantage that the ships in which they serve, and something of the conditions on board them, become known to the taxpayers."

"Not that the substantial amount which can be obtained from these 'Navy Weeks,' and which reached £10,000 last year, is raised without a good deal of

hard work and inconvenience. There is a vast amount of voluntary organising to be done beforehand, and while the ships are thrown open to the visiting crowds there are strenuous days on board getting ready for them and clearing up afterwards, especially as the 'Weeks' are held during the leave period of the Atlantic Fleet, when perhaps half of the ship's companies are away. Yet it must be admitted that the men usually enjoy these incursions of the great British public, and the opportunities they afford of entertaining both male and female visitors with descriptions, invariably accurate and reliable (!) of the marvellous powers of their vessels."

What the Flower Show Has Done

One of the best claims on that much abused phrase "a labour of love" can be laid—but I know it will not be laid—by the officials and judges of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society. Every year they have a harrowing time before the annual show and a day off from the office is imperative on the great day itself. I have attended more such functions now, consecutively, possibly, than any other Pressman. So I know. Valuable help is given by two or three ladies who do "clerk pidgin" for the best part of the day in uncongenial surroundings. The most businesslike I have noticed is Mrs. F. C. Hall, whose absence this year—she is at Home on leave—was noticeable.

If a layman wants to know what the Horticultural Society has done, I recommend him to seek an old resident—if he be not one himself—and ascertain how much more "stuff" the Flower-street sellers grow (or buy) now, as compared with ten years ago. The Society spends its money to encourage. It wants as many people as possible to grow and enter their exhibits. The high standard seen every year is gratifying. But nobody seems to have thought out a scheme yet whereby the occupants of houses with small gardens can be induced to compete.

So much of boxing is Advice seen in the Colony at the moment, and as Boxers the Services play such a large part in entertainment of this kind, I think the advice given by Commodore F. F. Rose at the Port Novices' Tournament, Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, is worth repeating:—

"Don't grow your hair like a collision mat all over your faces," he said. Several times that evening he had seen boxers brushing their hair from their eyes, and in so doing giving their opponents the chance to knock them out."

The reference to collision mats in connection with H.M.S. "Moth" a few days ago is only a coincidence.

The Queen's and Their Retreat

With an eye to the commercial side of things, a former journalist remarked to me on the Cricket Ground on Tuesday: "A show like that should easily take \$2,000 in a day at Canton." He was referring to the Beating of the Retreat by the 1st Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment. And he was, of course, talking of impossibilities. But his remark gives one furiously to think. The present-day liking of the Chinese for martial parades, the machine-like precision of every movement displayed by the Band, Drummers and Buglers, and the friendly relations existing between Britain and China. I wonder if a trip like that would pay, say, in Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking?

Latest Royal Naval appointments to the China Station include:—

Commander J. N. Knox to H.M.S. *Kent*, March 5.
Lieut. S. Brown to H.M.S. *Bravo*, February 1.
Pay Lt. D. A. O'Bergne to H.M.S. *Dee*, February 21.
Surgeon Lt. J. G. Payley to H.M.S. *Cricket*, January 21.

Once again the annual race week is with us. It is becoming less a social fixture—although the ladies continue to take a prominent part—because the racing has become so keen. Traffic regulations as they apply to Happy Valley on the four days appear elsewhere in this issue. I would like to add a word of advice for those who are not well versed in the matters. There are eleven races each day and the first starts at 12 noon. The first saddling bell will, therefore, be run at 11.30 a.m. Four races are held and then comes the tiffin interval, lasting from about 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Then there is continual racing until it is dark.

People often make the mistake of leaving town after tiffin (i.e., about 1.30 p.m.) and arriving on the course at 1.45 p.m. with a long wait ahead of them. My advice is: Either go down earlier and have an excellent cold lunch down there or don't start until 2 p.m. or even a few minutes later. There is plenty of room in the restaurant and the service is good. The Derby will be run on Tuesday at about 1 p.m., the presentation of the Governor's Cup and the Ladies' Purse on Wednesday, usually, at about 1.30 p.m., and the Champions on Wednesday at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday. To get down in time, note that the first saddling bell is 30 minutes before. Fifteen or twenty minutes by tram and proportionately less for bus and taxi will be a safe allowance.

Northey, who was a great favourite of local soccer crowds in the 1927-8 season and before, has not lost any of his skill. He has done well at Home in representative matches. Playing for Royal Naval Barracks against Royal Marines, Northey helped materially to let his side win by 7-1 and also found the mark himself. "Whose individual efforts were a feature of the match" is one phrase used about him in a report I have just read. The first goal of the match was due to his dribbling half the length of the field! Northey, it will be recalled, was on H.M.S. *Ambrose* when in Hong Kong and he also played for Kowloon Football Club to advantage. He was centre-forward for R.N. Barracks in the match referred to. More power to his boot!

Faster than "Kent" Class

The China Station will soon lose its distinction of being the only one to have new county-class cruisers. During the present spring, the 1st Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Station, is to be reconstituted with the arrival there of H.M.S. *London*, *Devonshire* and *Sussex*. It is not generally known that the *London* group (pictures of which appeared recently in the *China Mail's* Homeside picture page, art supplement) of cruisers are more powerfully engined than the five of the *Kent* class out here, which were the first of the 10,000 post-Washington cruisers, and that the *London* class is nearly a knot faster in consequence.

Former "Hermes" Commander

His friends in the Colony will be pleased to learn that Captain Ralph Elliot, C.B.E., late in command of the aircraft-carrier *Hermes* of the China Station, is to become Captain-Superintendent of Contract-built Ships on March 1, in succession to Captain B. W. Barrow, D.S.O. Captain Elliot, who was 48 on Jan. 13, was Flag-Commander to Vice-Admiral Bradford in the 3rd Battle Squadron, Grand Fleet, during the first two years of the War, and from August, 1916, was commander of the battleship *Emperor of India*, in the same fleet.

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Kowloon Affairs To The Fore

FOR another year the young yet virile General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association have given an account of their stewardship. Their constituents—the members—should find sufficient material in the review of the twelve months to make them more appreciative than ever of the work being done by their General Committee. More critical, perhaps, will be those residents of Kowloon who should be members of the Association—but who are not, either because they are Government Servants and cannot be permitted to associate with such a public body, or because they are too indifferent to their own communal needs to disburse even the trifling sum of two dollars per year on the subscription.

In the annual report just published the General Committee naturally emphasise the appointment of two members to represent Kowloon on the Legislative Council—a matter which, they admit, was regarded as rather visionary as recently as 1924. As a matter of fact the Government has gone more than half way to meet the wishes of the Residents' Association. Whenever, in the course of the last five years, mention has been made of the possible representation of Kowloon on the Legislative Council, only one unofficial member has been considered feasible or required. The Government has now appointed not one, but two members for Kowloon.

It is not to be imagined, however, that the requirements of the growing population of Kowloon will be allowed to rest at that. The increase in the population is referred to in the report of the General Committee as "the outstanding feature of the year 1928." To adopt their own term, it may be "visionary" to forecast the position five years hence, or, say, ten years hence. Notwithstanding the welcomed appointments of Director and Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, it is not difficult to envisage a time when the work of such services on both sides of the harbour will be too much for one Department. There may come into being a demand either for a separate Sanitary Board or a separate Municipal Council for Kowloon, with, say, a Rural Board for the New Territories. With the best will in the world to give the new order of things a fair chance and every possible encouragement through the medium of the Press and the various Residents' Associations both on the Island and on the mainland, the ever-increasing rise in the population may demand far still greater reforms in our civic administration.

Even a casual glance through the list of topics dealt with by the Kowloon Residents' Association during the past year should suffice to demonstrate not alone the increasing public interest in civic affairs, but the larger number of local problems that require constant and diligent attention on the part of an unofficial body. Their self-imposed duties must involve a vast amount of labour and time. But it is splendid spade-work for the time ahead of them when there will assuredly be a decided movement started in favour of something more than the crumbs that fall at present from the Government table. Neither Kowloon nor the administrative machinery are going to stand still. The civic problems of a decade hence may well defy the best forecast of to-day. And both the Government and the public must be prepared to cope with that avalanche of problems before it threatens to overwhelm them.

It is as well that public bodies like the Kowloon Residents' Association should be visionary. With a Government permeated with like visions and a similar broad spirit, the population on the mainland will come nearer than ever before to the attainment of the ideal in civic administration and in the practice of the civic spirit.

HONG KONG FAIRY STORIES

On any day, in any Hong Kong newspaper, one may read and find no reference whatsoever to armed robberies.

One of the 14 'planes bought in England for China is to be flown out, to Nanking by the Chinese aviators. Who said that 13 was not a lucky number.

Rev. Father Joy says that one of the Rothschild family paid Renan Frs. 1,000,000 for writing his famous "Vie de Jesus." If this wasn't a "fairy story" when it was first mentioned, it certainly sounds like one now.

Somebody has "pinched" the grindstone at Taiipo with the result that the mosquitoes are unable to penetrate the hides of the hard boiled residents and have

THE "HERALD" CALENDAR

Feb. 24, 1884.—Boiler explosion on s.s. "Yotsai"—between Hong Kong and Macao, six Europeans and thirteen Chinese being killed.

Feb. 24, 1911.—Sir F. Clarke, Chief Justice, Hong Kong, retired.

Feb. 26, 1849.—Captain De Costa and Lieutenant Dwyer murdered at Wongmakok, Hong Kong.

Feb. 26, 1918.—Hong Kong Race Course matchless collapsed and destroyed by fire, over 600 bodies being recovered.

had to turn their attention to the horses in the district.

Also not unlike a "fairy story" is the statement that the good father accepts the story on the weighty authority of Dumas, *the*—who probably never read the book.

"First Aid" at the Races

In spite of the heavy work entailed by free vaccination during the smallpox epidemic it is pleasing to note that the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade are to be in attendance during the four days of the Jockey Club's annual race meeting. This is eloquent of the spirit that pervades the Brigade. When the call comes they are ever on the spot, ready to render first aid to any unfortunate enough to require it. He would be but a harbinger of bad luck who could associate the race meeting, beforehand with any mishap or accident of any kind whatsoever, either in connection with the actual racing or in connection with the large crowds who will be present during the four days. Still, "it is better to be sure than sorry," and the presence throughout the meeting of members of St. John Ambulance Brigade should be sufficient to ensure that, if required, they will be there. Accidents will happen in the course of the best regulated race meetings, and much suffering may be alleviated if those unfortunately involved in them are given first aid treatment by the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Bankruptcy Law

In the latest issue of the Government "Gazette" there is published a short Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance with the object of bringing the local law on the subject into line with that at Home. Although the local Bankruptcy Ordinance was naturally founded on the English Bankruptcy Act of 1890 the proposed provisions do not appear in the local Ordinance. The first new provision is that when a bankrupt comes up for his discharge the Court shall take into consideration a report of the Official Receiver on the bankrupt's conduct and affairs, including his conduct during the bankruptcy proceedings, and the Official Receiver's report shall be *prima facie* evidence of the statements therein contained. It is not always that the conduct of a bankrupt is helpful either to the Court or to his creditors either during the bankruptcy proceedings or after his examination has been closed. An official report on his conduct prepared by the Official Receiver—always a very sympathetic official, as many bankrupts have willingly testified—should be welcomed by those whose downfall has been caused by sheer bad luck and who are ever ready to do all in their power to assist the Court in unravelling and straightening out their affairs. There are others, again, who seem to delight in impeding the Court at every opportunity, and who do not care a straw whether their creditors are ever paid—in the case of these the report of the Official Receiver should exercise some influence when they eventually apply for their discharge.

For the Animals

With the encouraging lead from His Excellency the Governor as the result of an offer from Mr. W. Harmston, proprietor of Harmston's Circus to give a performance in aid of some local charity, the cause of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is likely to receive a welcome uplift. His Excellency, on being approached to nominate the charity that should benefit by a special performance at the Circus, at once named the S.P.C.A., and accordingly, arrangements have been set in hand for such performance to take place on Friday evening of this week. It is significant of the views of His Excellency on the good work being done by the S.P.C.A. that, in spite of the masked fancy dress ball being held in the Peninsula Hotel on March 8 in aid of the same cause, this should be singled out at the moment as being particularly worthy of Governmental patronage and public support. Indeed, the scheme seems more than appropriate when it is considered that the menagerie forms an important factor in the life of the Circus now in our midst. There is at hand for the general public an object lesson of the most vital import in regard to the humane treatment of animals. True, commercialism has to be considered mainly in connection with the constant upkeep and training of the menagerie, but as with humans so it is with animals—kind words and humane treatment are more to be considered than cross words and ill treatment. The charity performance at the Circus cannot possibly clash with the masked fancy dress ball any more than the latter can militate against the success of the former. Both are most deserving functions, worthy of the public following wholeheartedly the excellent lead given by His Excellency the Governor.

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

FLYING CLUB

Sir,—I would request that you will accord this letter space in your esteemed paper. From its contents you will appreciate that it refers to a subject that has already received considerable publicity in the Colony, a subject that has raised considerable interest in the Colony I may say, and so I take this opportunity of thanking you for publication.

At the Hong Kong University on the evening of the 22nd I was able to announce that Chinese members would be welcomed. This is a very important step in the history of the Club, and I feel that the Club's future is an assured success.

It will be remembered that in September last we formed a small "Working Committee" to carry out the preliminary organisation. The Committee now desire to complete that organisation and bring the Club into active existence. To do this it is necessary to communicate with people who are interested, so I would request that all those who would either like to join the Club or see one in operation in the Colony, will communicate with me as soon as convenient. In particular I wish to hear from the Chinese residents in the Colony, and it would greatly assist me, and the Committee, if one or two Chinese gentlemen would come forward with an offer of assisting in the preliminary organisation.

Letters expressing interest or a desire to join the Club will not commit the writer; they will only cause his name to be placed on the Club register so that there is a record of his name and address, thus enabling the organisers to circularise the right people.

It is expected that a meeting will be held in March, when the final Rules and Regulations can be discussed and a Committee selected. I would therefore request that replies be forwarded as soon as possible.

I should like to add that members who join the Club as Flying Members will be taught by a fully qualified instructor, and that those who join as "Associate Members," that is, those who do not actually want to learn to fly but wish to support the Club, will be able to obtain flights at small cost.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has requested me to enter his name for the Club as an Associate Member, and I feel that with his excellent example many more well-known residents will come forward during the course of the next few days.

If there is any lady or gentleman in the Colony who would like to support the Club with the gift of an Aeroplane, I shall be pleased to discuss this with them. In making this suggestion, I should like to point out that Light Sea-planes are not expensive, and that many have already been presented by interested people to Clubs in other parts of the world. Perhaps there are one or two who would like to join together and present one jointly?

Yours, etc.,

R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER.
Peninsula Hotel,
Kowloon, Feb. 23.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Sir,—Two years ago you were so kind as to publish an appeal of mine for new members for the Benevolent Society. The results were satisfactory up to a point but at the present moment there are only 72 members of the Society. This is a very small percentage of the population of Hong Kong, which might be expected to show an interest in the Society. The subscription for membership is only \$12 a year—\$1 a month.

This small sum is a form of insurance, for it enables the busy person who has no time to investigate cases to learn immediately whether the piteous tale is true. It is very difficult to steel one's heart completely against a story of misfortune—but it is easy to send the applicant to have it sifted by the Benevolent Society in connection with the General Charities Organisation. There is nothing so unsatisfactory as a sporadic, unbalanced charity—a gift of five dollars to the unfortunate beggar is only an encouragement to him to prey upon more soft-hearted people—a gift of five dollars to a deserving case is a moral sop to ease one's conscience. So the Committee lays its plea, for more members before the generous community of Hong Kong and hopes for a large increase of membership in 1929.

In addition, may a plea be made for the annual report? Do not consign it to the waste paper basket unread. There is undoubtedly something antagonis-

ing in a report—its shape alone is as a rule against it. But considered reading of the compact report issued by the Benevolent Society cannot but convince the reader that here is work deserving of support—work that protects the community at large and benefits those who have fallen on evil days.

Yours, etc.,

BELLA SOUTHERN.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22.

[As the unsettled state of affairs prevailing in the Colony is likely to bring increased calls upon the funds of the Society during the coming year, the Committee earnestly solicits contributions which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Shellshear, University.]

THINGS CANADIAN

Sir,—It's obvious that your correspondent who writes "Things Canadian" is sure some booster for the easy side of Canadian life. I wonder if he can explain away why over six hundred men once marched on a certain Mayor and demanded relief, because the wonderful jobs promised did not pan out? The exposures in "John Bull" of the methods used to the majority of the harvesters sent from England, one case in particular, a wage, the equivalent of three and sixpence (3/6) being offered. Can you beat it? Such a wonderful and wealthy country, as your correspondent leads us to believe, offering wages that a doped coolie would turn down. I would advise him to get the back numbers of "John Bull," and see the opinion of the majority on Canada. I can tell him, "It's not nice reading." Perhaps he can tell us why men were sent out there, when there was only enough work for the people actually domiciled in Canada? Men would not have travelled all those miles, unless promises of decent paid work had been given them. Who organised and benefited, by what is known at Home as "The Harvester's Ramp?" A little enlightenment is what's required—not extracts or letters from a favoured few.

Yours, etc.,

SHU TEYE.

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In addition, a special dividend to participating policyholders on claims and maturing policies, ten years or more in force, has been authorised for this year 1929.

Evidently this gigantic business still continues to expand enormously.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company will give two performances in the Star Theatre to-day at 5.00 and 9.15 p.m. "Polles Bergers" will be presented at the matinee, and "Review" of "Reyues" at 9.15.

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ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF "ON APPROVAL" PRODUCED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.—Left to right: Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith), the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas), Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton) and Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson), in Frederick Lonsdale's play, which had a run of over a year in London.



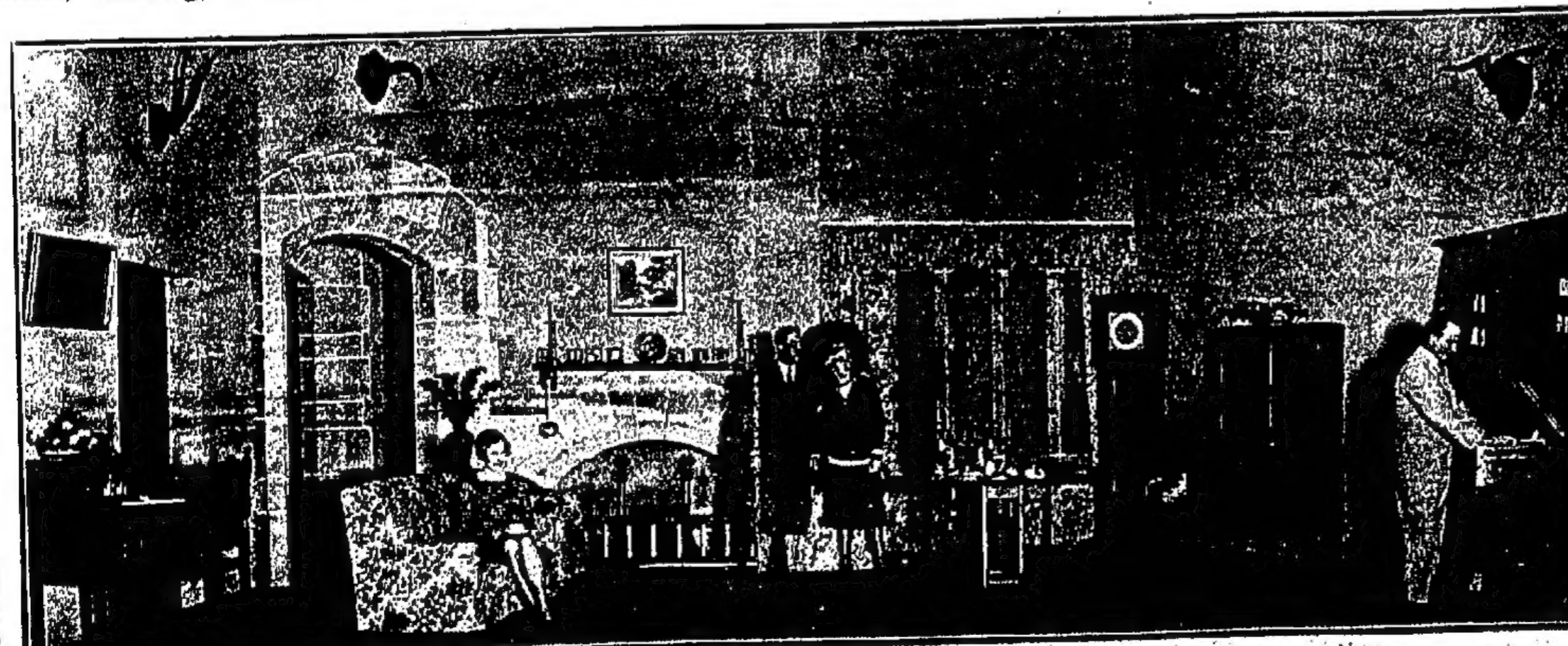
ARMoured CAR CO. HOLDS ANNUAL DANCE.—The Armoured Car Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps held its annual dance at the Cercle Sportif Francais and a very cheery affair it proved to be. The blue uniforms and brass buttons of the Volunteers, combined with the dresses of the ladies and some red Army uniforms, presented a scene of gay and colourful activity. Over 400 attended, including officers from the various Services stationed in Shanghai at present.—(Ah Fong).



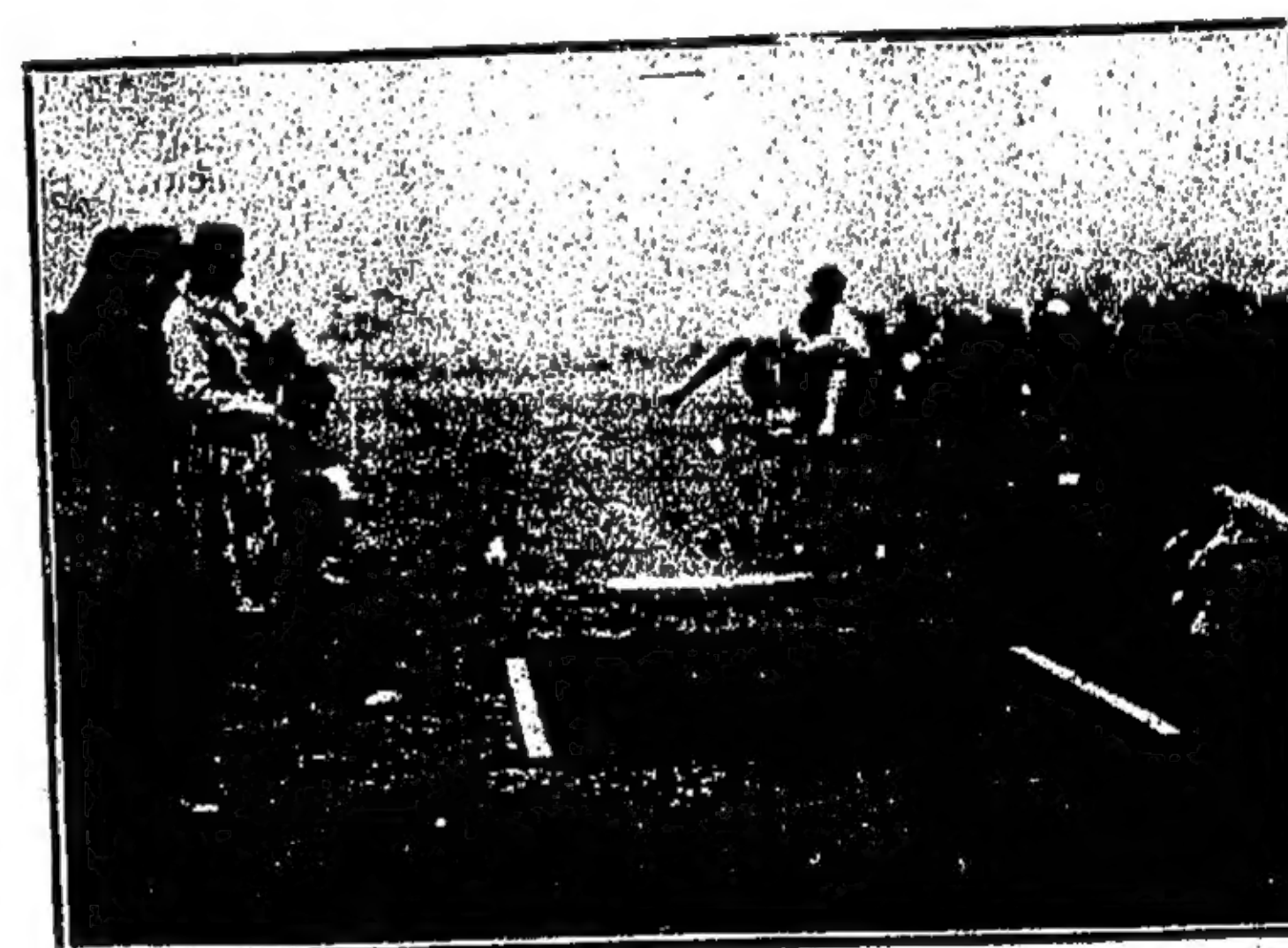
AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS' MEETING.—The first Central Executive Committee meeting of the Chinese Aeronautical Assn. was held in Shanghai in the Assn. hall on Rue La Fayette, when the above Committee members were present to discuss a long list of important resolutions pertaining to the promotion and success of aviation in China. The Association has branches in Tientsin, Nanking, Hankow and other important cities.—(C. H. Wong).



CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL.—Mr. Li Chun, who has officiated at Singapore. He came to Hong Kong a few days ago to tranship for Ottawa, whence he has been transferred.—(Photo by courtesy of Mr. Charlie Wong).



FREDERICK LONSDALE'S "ON APPROVAL"—Produced by the Hong Kong A.D.C. in their current season at the Theatre Royal. Left to right: Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith), Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton), Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson), the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas).



SPORTS IN CAMP.—In the long jump of the meeting of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at San Wai Camp, near Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



THAT DERAILED MOTOR COACH.—Scenes on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section) where the 2.45 p.m. up train was derailed between Shatin and Taipo on Saturday, Jan. 19. An official statement has been issued, allaying the alarm felt subsequently. The coach left the track and passengers had to crawl out through a window as seen in upper photo, which has reached the "Sunday Herald" from Shanghai. The "golfers' special," as the train is called, is seen more clearly in the lower picture. A lady was injured and Mr. H. K. Hung, solicitor, broke a collar-bone from which he is now recovering. Two former Shanghai residents, Mr. Robert H. Becker and Philip Smith, of the Standard Oil Co., and a "Sunday Herald" man were among those who escaped almost unhurt.



MAX PICKMANN, a clever illusionist who will appear during each performance at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow.



FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASERS.—An incident in the enclosures during the China New Year meeting last Sunday, at the Kwantli race course, in the New Territory.—(K. Fujiyama).



OVER THE JUMPS.—An excellent snapshot of the field taking one of the jumps on the Kwantli race course last Sunday, at the China New Year steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt.—(K. Fujiyama).



CATHLEEN WHELAN AND GEORGE JOWITT.—Two clever little baby pupils of Miss Violet Capell, in their duet at the forthcoming display at the Queen's Theatre (Feb. 27) and Star Theatre (March 2).

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Shoes and Hosiery Discussed



There is much to be said in terms of chic of the new shoes and hosiery that step forth for approval this winter. There is much that is different and much that is new. Old types are presented in new fabrics and especially do the new shades pronounce the shoes smartly different from those chosen in past seasons.

Daytime shoes are again relying upon lines of simplicity for their appeal. Their combination of materials—very frequently in the modernistic manner—create a style departure and the new colourings also make them distinctive. The daytime costume in the greens, browns, wines, blues and blacks are all matched in shoes of identical shades. Suedes are particularly smart this season and appear to advantage in these colourings. Of course they, too, combine with the reptile skins and appear fascinatingly different. Wine, suede and lizard with gold kid, for instance, are seen in a costume shoe of great elegance while blue, brown or black suede and python in charmingly different designs create others of the colourful daytime shoe. In simpler modes the large buckle on a one-toned shoe creates a stylish simplicity.

In the evening slippers the favourite fabrics of the gowns are used to create charming styles in which heels of fancy designs are featured. Heels, in the formal shoes, remain very high and the shaped heels are increasingly de-

manded. In general they are tapering and very slender. Either stone settings, enamelled work or a covering of rhinestones or coloured stones are used. In some cases the designs on toe or strap are reproduced in the heels for striking results.

Shoe fabrics in the evening slippers are almost identical in richness and quality as in the sumptuous wraps and gowns of the evening mode. Handsome brocades, crepe de chine or satins are used with embroidery in metallic threads to brighten them. Laces, too, appear as well as the plain black satin slipper for the all-black ensemble. Ivory and beige shades are particularly effective in the evening slippers and vie with the brilliant shades that match the gowns.

Hosiery for the daytime remains much the same in texture—being extremely sheer and slightly darker in tone. In the evening the skin shade, in champagne, light tans and melon tints appear to blend well all colours used in dresses. Evening hose is sheer to the point of cobwebby impracticability.

Alice White, who selects her shoes and hosiery with experience, has chosen a great variety of shoes for both daytime and evening costumes. The coloured shoes as well as black appear to advantage with the many chic costumes worn by Miss White in First National's "Naughty Baby."

Making the Best of Natural Gifts



In this day and age in which all sorts of aids to beauty are available to all, beauty is not beyond the reach of almost everyone. Nature may have denied perfection of features and contour of body, but science has done wonders towards creating aids to beauty. In the first place it requires a natural ability to make the best of one's good points. Everyone possesses some feature that can stand drawing attention to it. It may be a perfect skin, or lovely eyes, appealing hands, a straight supple body, lustrous hair or pearly teeth. These natural good points should be accentuated. Attention should be drawn to them by the clothes worn or the manner of dressing the hair or by the definite uses of the appealing features.

Defects of face or body, on the other hand, may be lessened by skilful dressing or through vigilance in trying to improve poor points. Where the hair is of marked beauty, it should be dressed so that attention is immediately attracted to it. Poor eyes may be forgotten in the glory of lovely hair, or a bad nose may have its profile changed by a skilful arrangement of the hair. On the other hand a well shaped head can do much to make unattractive hair a thing of little importance. It can be cut to show the contour of the head and so minimize its own lack of beauty.

Gleaming teeth are within the reach of all by great care in keeping them clean. Correct dentistry can improve the shape and size of teeth. Large and badly formed ears may be hidden by the hair, or on the other hand when a per-

fect ear is possessed, it should become a factor of importance and should by all means be revealed by a becoming headress.

Hands of natural beauty are a great asset. They may be used expressively and so call attention to their charms. On the other hand to-day all sorts of aids to beautiful hands are to be found. Skin lotions to whiten and soften them are to be found in abundance. The nails, too, may be beautified at home as well as at the manicurist with just a little care and expenditure. Good taste is essential in keeping the hands attractive. A too pink nail colouring shows lack of taste and the nails should always be filed and never cut to rounded shape rather than the unnatural points sometimes effected.

The skin which is one of the chief charms of femininity is now so aided by science that a "skin you love to touch" is within reach of all. Skin creams and lotions,

powders and rouges, lip salves and eyebrow salves and tonics all help materially to create loveliness.

Cleanliness of body and lovely thoughts do much to create a happy expression and a smooth, beautiful skin. Plenty of water inside and out is perhaps one of the most successful means towards beauty. Proper elimination goes far towards creating a beautiful complexion. This is accomplished by a correct diet and plenty of water. Rest and happy thoughts keep away lines and good creams and ointments do the rest.

Exercise and diet are needed for body beauty. Loveliness of line and slenderness are within the reach of all. Foolish dieting in which necessary foods are neglected does not need to be resorted to. It hurts the system eventually and is not required to lose weight. By giving up too much starch and sweets and the fatty pastries a proper weight may be obtained and the vegetables and fruits that are

Fur Coats With Variety



The fur coats for this winter season present the utmost variety of style. All types are presented in all kinds of furs and chic is obtained by the smartness of detail rather than upon one outstanding feature.

Fur coats, however, are distinctly classified. There are few coats that answer an all-around purpose. Both the silhouette and the fur satisfy a demand for suitability. Sports, afternoon and evening coats are distinctly different.

Sports models showed a tendency to follow conservative lines and the straight, slender silhouette was favoured for this purpose. Occasional flares subtly introduced below the waistline or from the shoulder, the upper section of the coat being slightly moulded, featured afternoon styles. Evening models showed the greatest departure from straight lines. Here all sorts of interesting treatments

and exaggerated lines were used to demonstrate the versatility of the mode.

Notes of interest in general were found reflected in the collar treatment. The upstanding, Paquin collar, the shawl effect brought to one hip, the scarf treatment, the Tuxedo collar, revers, the kerchief idea of scarf and the cravat-tie effect are all seen suitably placed.

Short jackets are featured in the fur mode. They accompany all types of dresses and are the favoured inspiration of Paris. They are most often shown as parts of ensembles, the lining often matching the accompanying dress.

Sports and coats for general wear are being shown in Pony, Opossum, Caracul and a new fur, European Lamb, a cross between Beaver and Otter.

In more formal coats Summer Ermine, flat Caracul, Krimmer, Nutria, amber Seal, Hudson Seal, Broadtail, Persian Lamb, natural and dyed Squirrel and Mink, too, are taking their accustomed places in the very expensive and very beautiful formal wraps.

Doris Dawson has selected her season's collection of fur coats with much care and discrimination.

Miss Dawson realizes the necessity of the small person choosing flat furs to give height and slenderness and in general is seen in coats of a straight-line silhouette relying upon smart details for chic. In First National's "Naughty Baby" Miss Dawson wears a lovely wrap of squirrel and one of American broadtail—both simple in line and flat of fur.

so essential to good health are also a means to correct weight as well as beauty of skin. Exercise keeps the body supple and also adds to its charms.

All the mentioned aids towards beauty are available to all. Good taste as well as desire is essential. Cleanliness, too, is one of the most important factors.

Dorothy Mackaill, seen in First National's "The Barker," whose contract necessitates her keeping to a certain weight, has but little need of aids to beauty in addition to her own natural loveliness and her good taste in accentuating it. Miss Mackaill exercises consistently and maintains a sensible diet. Her uses of cosmetics is a helpful aid to her own clear skin.

A New Coat From Paris



A black velvet evening coat with grey fox collar and cuffs and silver lining. Notice the silver crystal beads which lend chic to the creation. The model is from the atelier of a famous Parisian dressmaker.



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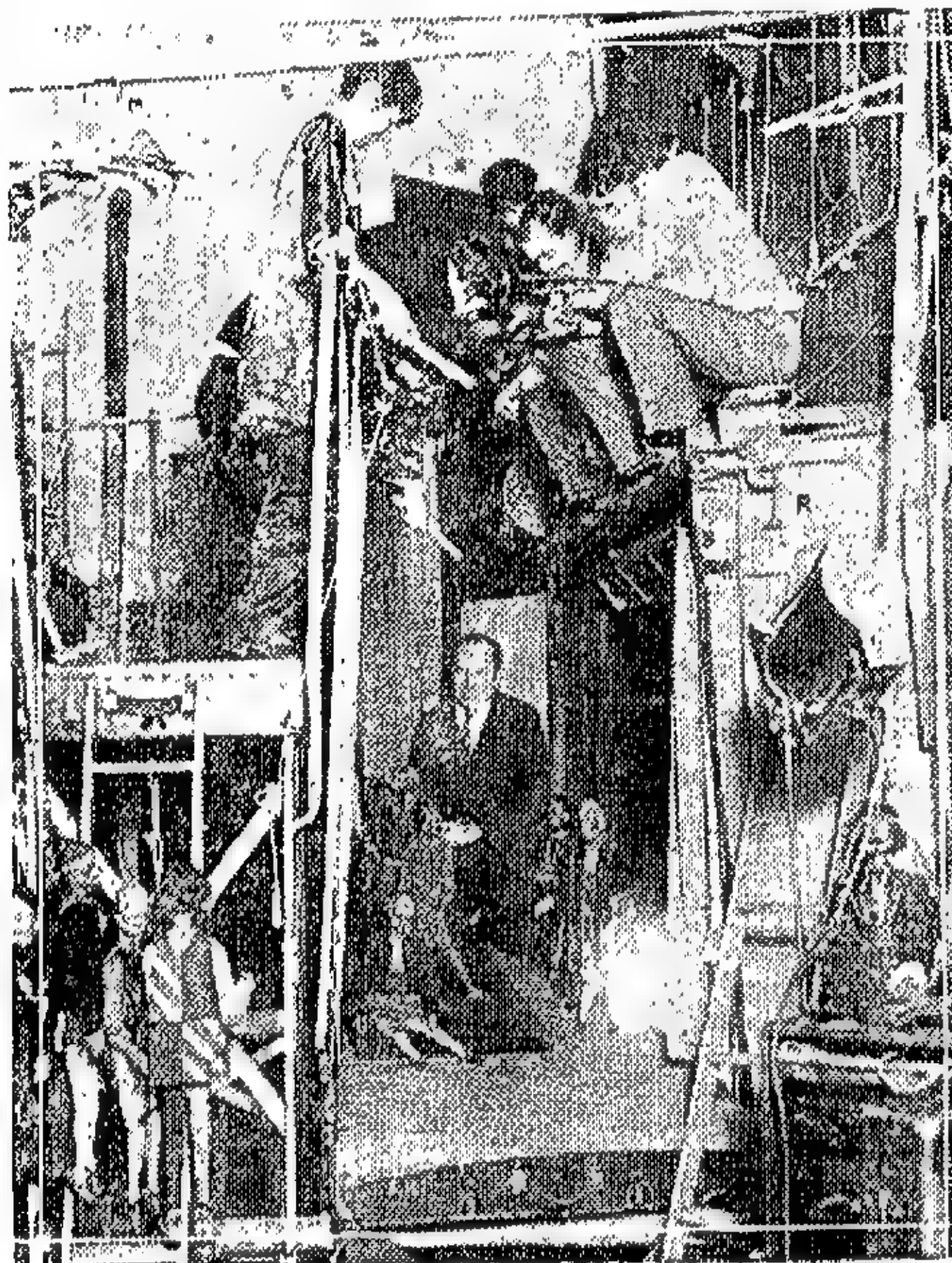
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A fine action picture of an intricate performance on skis in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland. This expert is shown making a complete turn in one jump.



What appears to be a number of people fishing, but in reality is Tony Sarg (below) with his assistants manipulating the puppets in his well-known Marionette Show.



Copenhagen, Denmark.—The beautiful porcelain statue—the largest ever produced—in a park here. The fountain is the work of Jean Gauguin, and was baked for a year and a half before it was ready to be displayed.



The American flag waving in the breeze in the Pacific, the island of Guam, one of the prizes of the Spanish-American War. The island is 30 miles long and about four miles wide, and is used as a naval station. This photo was taken from the U.S. Marine Corps Aviation station at Sunny.



Princess Teru, the daughter of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan in a striking photograph taken on her third birthday, celebrated recently. This little daughter of Nippon is clad in her royal robes.



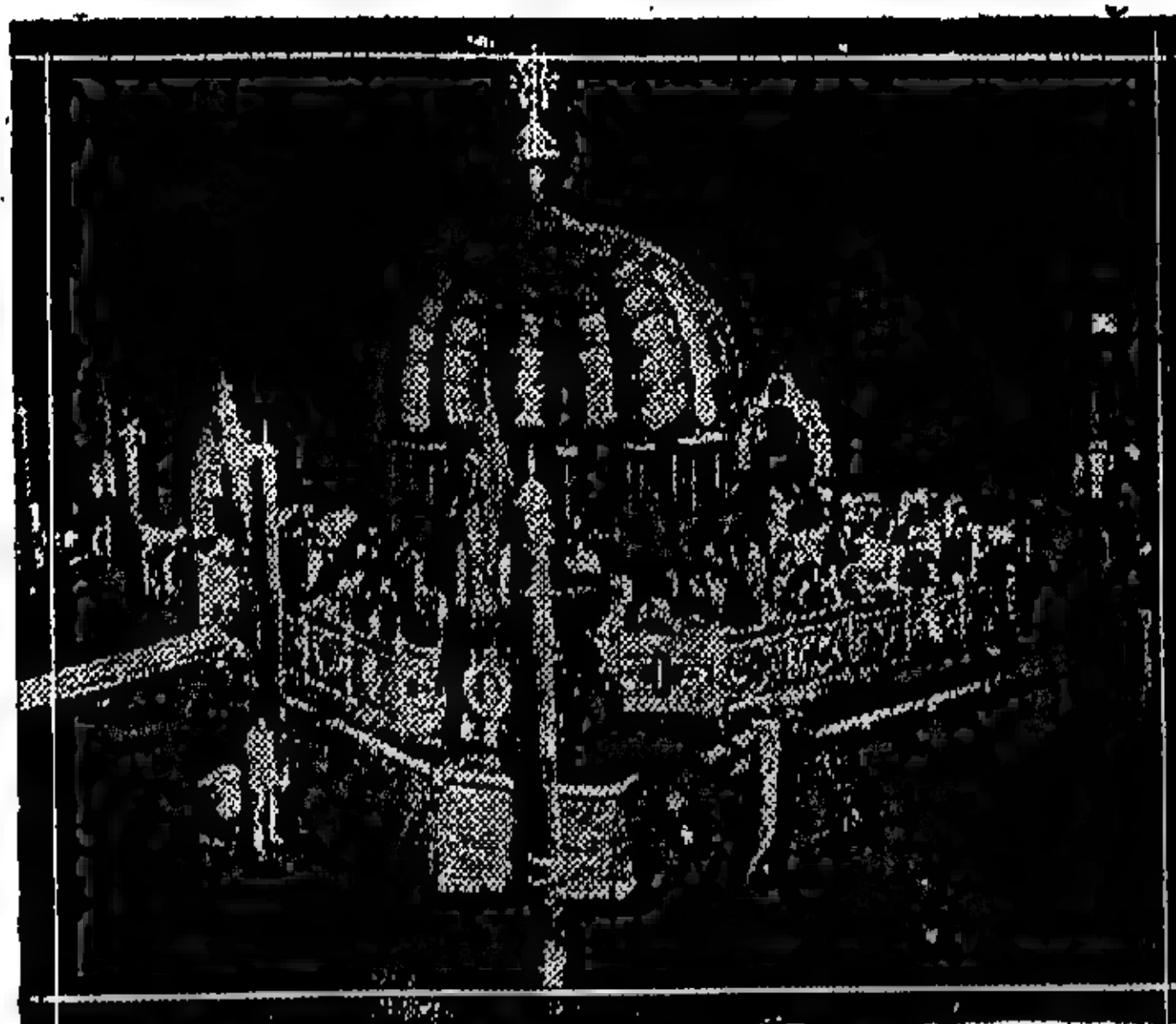
St. Hubert Aerodrome, Montreal, Quebec.—Mooring mast which will be used as the Canadian terminus of the British Empire Airship Lines. It is a new type mast and is 210 feet high and 73 feet across the base.



Barbara Kent, the screen star, now appearing in her latest picture, "Lonesome."



Los Angeles.—The new world's champion woman endurance flier, Miss Bobby Trout, 19 years of age, just after she brought down the "Golden Eagle." It was, incidentally, her first night landing. (Miss Trout stayed 12 hours, 11 minutes, beating Miss Viola Gentry's record of 8 hours, 8 minutes.)



Venice, Italy.—A new idea in night clubs. The exclusive Excelsior Club at Lido as it appears in full operation.



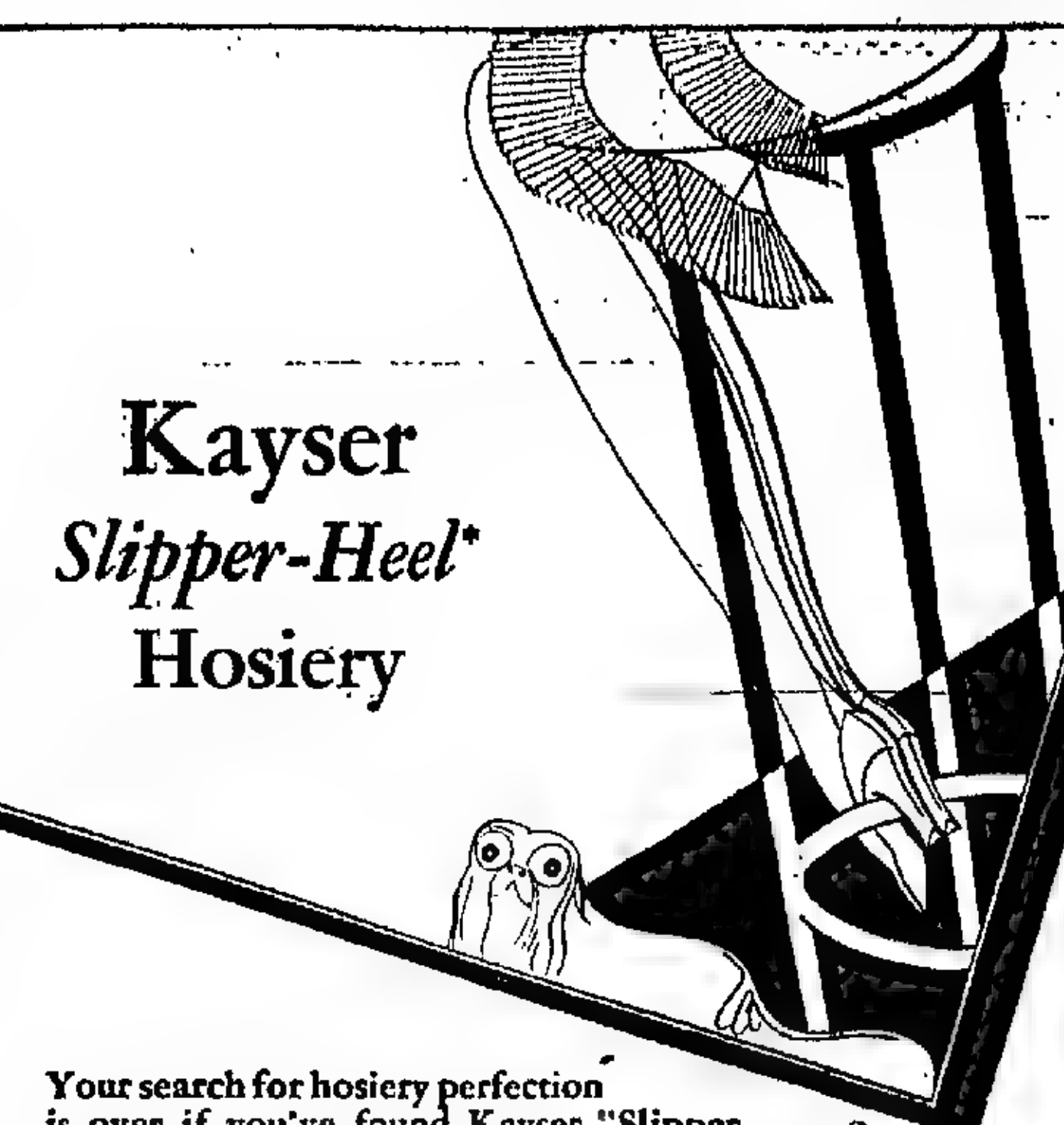
Kavelaer, Germany.—A striking new modernistic monument of the Madonna and Child, sheltering destitute women and children with a great mantle. The monument has caused much comment by critics. It is the work of the architects, Whol and Roedel. The sculptor is Arnold Hensler.



Mother nature proved a helping hand to these nine young coons when their mother was killed by Florida hunters. The hunters presented the cubs to John Pinobio, the athletics trainer of the University of Florida, who in turn turned them over to his pet cat, who also has a young family. The coons were immediately adopted by their new mother who watches over them with the same care that she does her own brood.



Gene Sarazen winning the Miami open golf tournament. This is the third time in succession the former U.S. national open champion has won the tournament.



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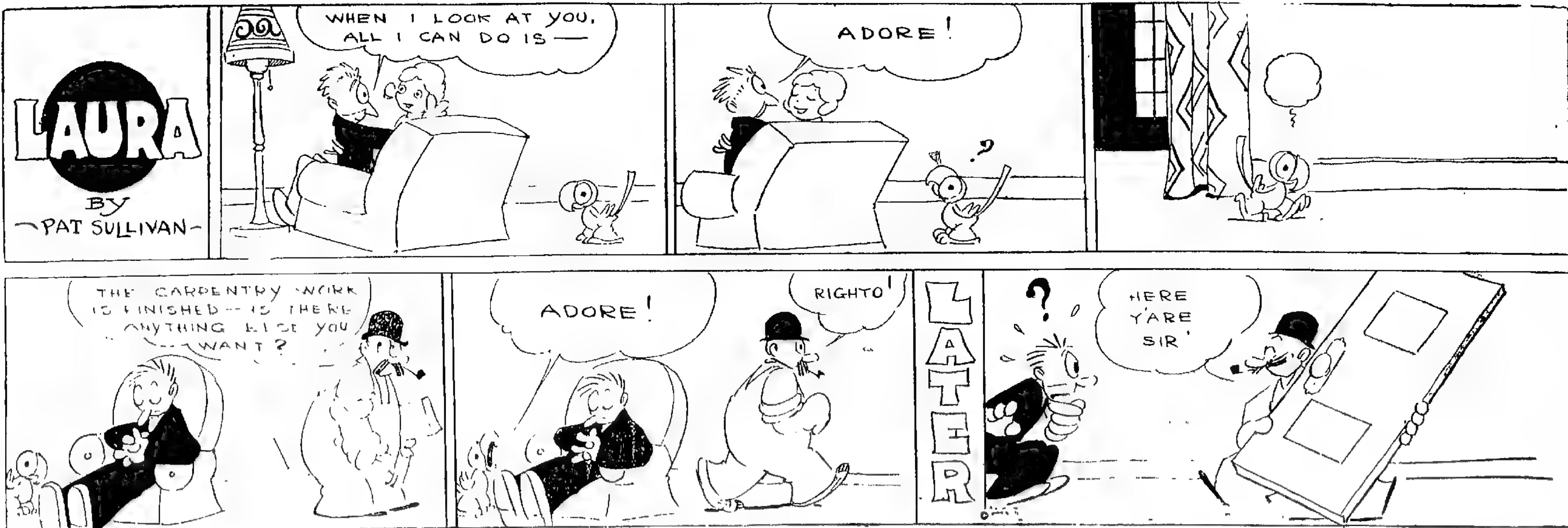
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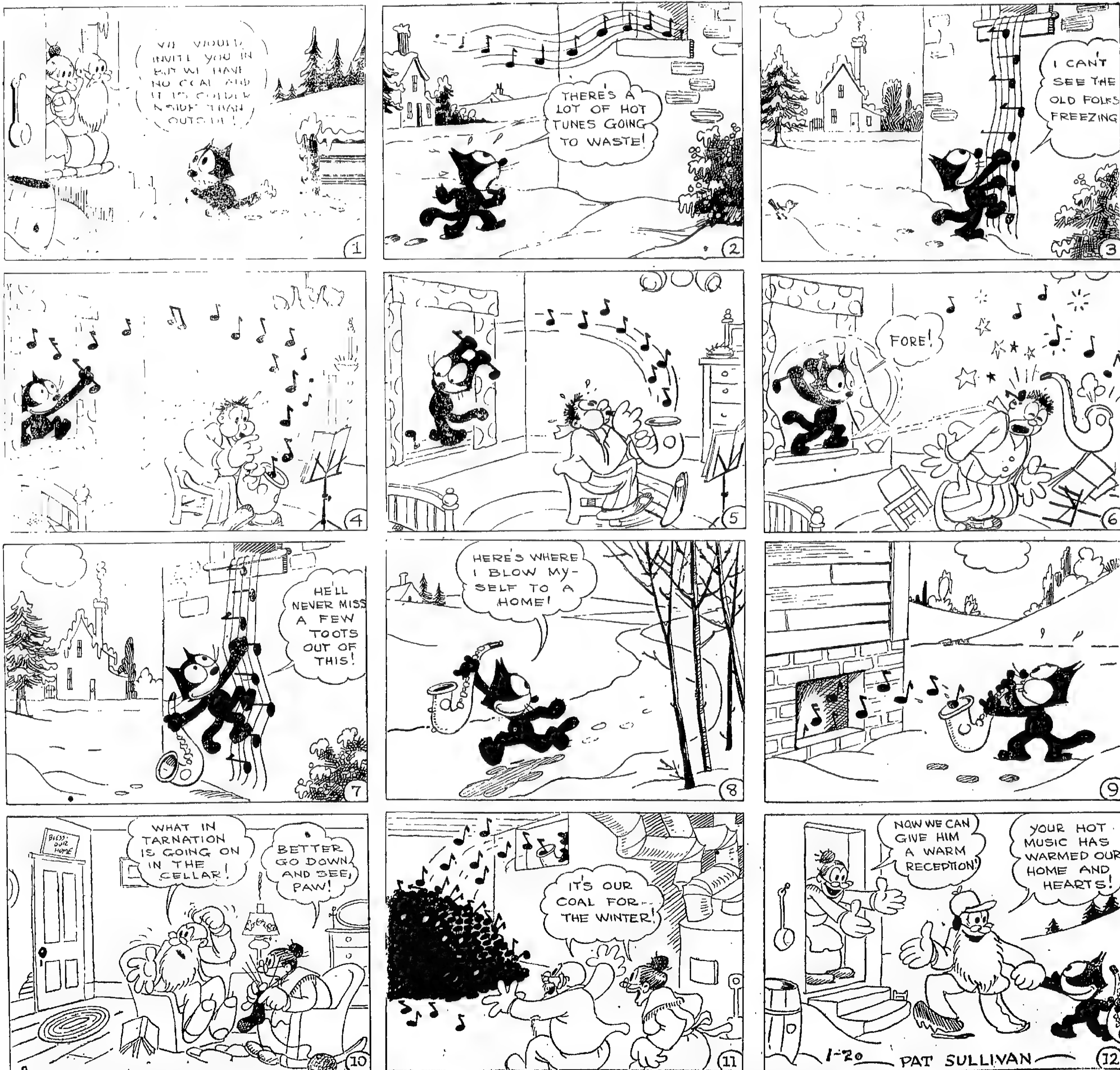
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1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).
"Mignon—Introduction et Romance" and
"Mignon—Polonaise."
J. H. Squire: Celeste Octet.
"Ballet Egyptian—Allegro."
Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.
"Sing! Ho! For The Days Of Drinking" and
"On The Beach At Bangaloo."
Norman Long.
"Toccata," Organ Solo.
Edmond Commette.
"The Lullaby of the Air," and
"The Character's Dream."
J. H. Squire: Celeste Octet.
"Serenade" (From Six Jester Songs) and
"To Daffodils" Contralto.
Muriel Brunskill.
"Stenka Razin."
Orchestra of The Brussels Royal Conservatoire.
"She Wandered Down The Mountain Side" and
"Peer Gynt" (Solberg's Song).
Soprano, Dora Labbette.
"Pax Vobiscum."
The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Sleepy Hollow Tune" and
"Devotion," Soprano.
Doria Vane.
"Repass Band" and
"Inverness," March.
Band Of The Royal Air Force.
"Tempted Of The Heart" and
"I'm The Factotum Of The Town."
Baritone, Dennis Noble.
"Two Movements In Symphonic Form."
The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" and
"Nearer, My God, To Thee."
The B.B.C. Choir.
"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" and
"We Praise Thee, O God."
The Sheffield Choir.
"All People That On Earth Do Dwell" and
"How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds."
The Olympic Singers.
"The Day Thou Gavest" and
"Rock Of Ages."
The B.B.C. Choir.
God Save The King
1.30 p.m. Close Down

TRAFFIC FOR RACES

Roads to and from
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SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The following traffic regulations will be in force on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday this week on account of the Races:—

I.—All vehicles going to the races at Wong-nei-chong will proceed via Arsenal-street, new 75 feet Reclamation-road, Percival-street, Leighton Hill-road and round the Happy Valley via Wong-nei-chong-road to the entrance gates.

Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap-road and Queen's-road East. These arrangements will be in force between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

II.—Passengers will alight from and board tram-cars at:—(1) the main public entrance gate and (2) the members' entrance gate only.

III.—Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted west of Percival-street or east of Murray-road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV.—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on roadway.

V.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the race course.

VI.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the race course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII.—Dogs are not allowed on or near the race course. Any dog found straying is liable to be destroyed (Ordinance 1 of 1846, section 16 sub-section 3).

Note.—There will be one way traffic only in Queen's-road East from the Monument to Arsenal-street from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from east to west.

Kennedy-road will be open to west bound traffic only from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Vehicles proceeding via Stubbs-road proceed via Arsenal-street, Prava East, Wanchai-road, Morrison Hill-road and Morrison Gap-road.

On Friday night cases of small-pox were reported—two from the Victoria district, five from Kowloon, and one from Aberdeen. All were Chinese. One case of diphtheria (Chinese) was reported from the Victoria district.

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"UNCLAIMED BALANCES"

At the next meeting of the Legislative Council, there will be introduced an Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law with respect to certain unclaimed balances and certain other unclaimed sums.

The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance (No. 1 of 1885) provides for the transfer to the general revenue of the Colony of the following:—

All sums of money, which, at the commencement of the Ordinance, had remained unclaimed in the Treasury for at least five years.

All sums of money, other than balances of intestates' estates, which after the commencement of the Ordinance remain unclaimed in the Treasury for at least five years.

Under certain conditions, the balances of intestates' estates administered by the Official Administrator.

Under certain conditions, sums of money, other than balances of intestates' estates, which remain unclaimed in the Supreme Court for at least five years.

"To Meet These Points"

To enable sums under "balances of intestates' estates" to be transferred, certain advertisements are necessary, except where the funds of the estate are less than \$20 in value, and these advertisements have to state that the funds remaining from the estate will be transferred to the general revenue if no claim is made within five years from the death of the deceased. No provision is made to meet cases in which the necessary advertisements are not made, or in which administration is not obtained, within five years from the death of the intestate. Such cases have occurred, and there would appear to be no machinery whereby due advertisement can now be made, so that the money, if unclaimed, may be transferred to the general revenue of the Colony.

Further, no provision is made for the transfer to the general revenue of sums which remain unclaimed in the hands of some officer other than the Treasurer.

The object of the present Ordinance is to meet these points.

BANK'S AFFAIRS

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE

London, Friday.

In view of the rumours regarding the affairs of the Banca Italo-Britannica, an auxiliary of the British-Italian Banking Corporation, which was founded in 1916 with British Government co-operation, Reuter is informed that London banks have made arrangements to ensure the due fulfilment of all the former's engagements and an uninterrupted continuation of its business.

The Corporation's stock is mostly held by British and Empire banks including the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the National Bank of India, and the Standard Bank of South Africa.—Reuter.

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What Is Being Done in Samoa

BILL SIGNED

Washington, Friday.

President Coolidge has signed the Bill confirming the cession of the islands of Tutuila, Manua and certain others of the Samoan Group to the United States and also for providing the President to appoint six commissioners, two of whom must be chiefs of eastern Samoa; and to recommend suitable legislation for the Government of the United States territory of that island.—Reuter's American Service.

HINDU RIOTERS

Excited As To
Kidnapping

Bangalore, Friday.

Rumours of the kidnapping of children has spread to the city, and excited Hindu crowds have been assaulting the alleged kidnappers. Hitherto 11 have been injured, including two police officers.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The Dollar Liner "Ruth Alexander," which is replacing the "President Adams," will continue her trip Round-the-world to-day.

The B.L. s.s. "Takada" left Amoy for this port yesterday, and is due here this afternoon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port last Sunday at 8 a.m., and is due here to-day at about 4 p.m.

AMBULANCE CORPS

Big Rally Early Next
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RALPHS SHIELD COMPETITION

Divisions will fall in on Murray parade ground at 9.15 a.m. sharp, as below:—

March 3:
1. Inspection of Uniform and Equipment.
2. (a) Company Drill.
(b) Stretcher Drill (Open Stretchers; Closed Stretchers).

March 10:
1. Inspection of Haversacks, etc.
2. Treatment and Collection of Wounded.

Instructions
Each Divisional Commander will present a roll showing the names of all members of his Division, at least 80 per cent. of whom must be present and enter for the Competition. Marks will be deducted for any absentees under this figure.

Recruits who have joined since November 1, 1928, need not be included.
Punctuality is essential. Any Division arriving late on the Parade Ground will forfeit marks.

2. H-mets and belts must be thoroughly cleaned, and boots polished. Puttees must be carefully put on. All metal work must be polished. All cleaning and inspection should be carried out before marching on to the parade ground.

3. Haversacks must be fitted completely according to printed card, each member being able to state exactly the use of every item in his medical outfit. Corks and stoppers of all bottles must be easily removable, i.e., not stuck. Water bottles should be cleaned, and filled.

Equipment
Stretchers and equipment of every description should be overhauled and inspected the week before each Competition and care should be taken that each member is able to explain the use of everything contained in his haversack, as well as to answer questions relative to the "Injuries" 1. is called on to deal with in the Competition.

5. Drill. Officers in command of Divisions should stand fast and refrain as far as possible from following their men.
Commands should be given clearly and distinctly.

Marks are invariably deducted when the men are consulted, or given advice in an undertone.
In marching, the arms should be swung straight from the shoulder, but not too high, and the step must not become too rapid or short.

First Aid
6. In the First Aid Test, squads will work in different parts of the ground and when ordered, proceed to appointed places, the feet of each patient towards the Judges.

Stretchers will be carried on the shoulders, unless otherwise instructed. Every member of a Stretcher Party should if necessary assist in dressing the patient and should be able to answer questions about his duties.

Bandages, etc., should be applied firmly and in the order prescribed in the First Aid handbook.
Before being applied they must not be laid on top of the patient or on the ground.

"Artificial Respiration" ought to be thoroughly mastered by every man.
7. Members who are not competing should be urged to attend as spectators, and take seats in the matched stand. They should of course take care that their conversation is not heard, and should not make any audible comments on the proceedings. They should wear uniform, but not water-bottles or haversacks.

8. The Competition will be judged by Senior Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the Senior Medical Staff Officers of the St. John Ambulance Corps.

9. A full attendance of Officers, including Surgeons, is requested on each Sunday, so that they may meet the Judges and observe the work done in the Competition. Full uniform (with leggings) is to be worn; Medals and decorations to be worn.

(Sd.) E. RALPHS,
Assistant Commissioner.

Vaccination Weekly Return
The number of Chinese vaccinated, free of charge, by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, February 21, was:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division . 28,229
King's College Division . 27,688
Railway Division . 5,158
Indian Division . 4,506
Kowloon Division . 104,796
Mongkok Division . 122,923
Shaikwan Division . 6,906
Shun Long . 1,494
St. Joseph's College Division . 6,684
Victoria Nursing Division . 670
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division . 430

308,230

"ON APPROVAL"

Splendid Local
Talent

A.D.C.'S SUCCESS

Before another well-filled house the Amateur Dramatic Club again staged "On Approval" last night in the Theatre Royal. With each successive appearance the small but efficient cast are more popular than ever, and the rounds of applause at the close of last night's entertainment was an eloquent tribute to the artistes.

The dressing and staging of the production are two of its most striking features. The frocks were specially designed by Madame Rolande Sarraut, the well-known Parisian couturiere of Asiatic Building, under the personal supervision of the indefatigable producer, Mrs. F. G. Hunt, and are perfectly delightful. The entire furnishing of the stage was kindly undertaken by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., under the direction of Mr. H. E. Scriven, again under the watchful eye of the producer with her many years' stage experience.

It should be noted that the final performance will be given on Tuesday evening, when doubtless all records in houses for the A.D.C. will be broken.

COMEDY & ROMANCE

Constance Talmadge As
"Venus of Venice"

A GAY FILM

Two beggars, seeking alms at a fashionable wedding in a Venetian Cathedral, and exposed as the most feared pair of crooks in the city of canals, through a ruse, in which the bridegroom and the bride's father are robbed, and the dignified ceremony is converted into a bedlam.

Such is the situation at the beginning of Constance Talmadge's new comedy drama, "Venus of Venice," which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre Kowloon.

Hair-raising surprises and spontaneous outbursts of comedy alternate in such rapid fashion in this new Constance Talmadge screen opus that audiences find it impossible to determine which predominates.

Lots of Thrills
From the very first, the vivacious Constance wriggles free from one difficult situation only to plunge into another even more complicated, in this story of a madcap gamine of the canals, who, bent on stealing purses captures as well the heart of a handsome American artist.

Produced by Joseph M. Schenck for First National release and directed by Marshall Neilan, "Venus of Venice" presents Antonio Moreno in the leading male role of the artist, opposite Miss Constance Talmadge.

Excellent Cast
Julanne Johnston, Edward Martindel, Michael Vavitch, Antonio Vaverlia, Arthur Thalasso, Andre Lenox, Hedda Hopper, Mario Carillo, Tom Ricketts and Charles Herzinger are well-known players in the supporting cast.

CIRCUS TREAT

Charity Performance To
Be Given

GOVERNOR NOMINATES

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) having been requested by Mr. Harmsen, proprietor of the well-known circus at present in Hong Kong, to nominate a deserving local charity for which Mr. Harmsen would be willing to give a performance in its aid, concluded that the most appropriate would be the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and promised his patronage.

The performance will take place on the evening of Friday, March 1, and an excellent entertainment may confidently be anticipated, details regarding which will be announced later.

PAWNED-JEWELLERY

Leads to Two Jail
Sentences

Before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with the larceny of a gold watch and chain from another Chinese on July 23, 1927.

The police told the Magistrate that another man received two months' hard labour on July 23, 1927, for receiving the stolen watch which was pawned. The complainant did not redeem it, however, because it was not worth it.

The gold chain, which was worth \$100, was never seen again. It was alleged that the present accused had taken it to Wuchow and disposed of it there. Recently, accused returned to Hong Kong. He was seen by the complainant, who recognised him, and informed the police.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

MUSICAL COMEDY

Banvard Company
Performances

CROWDED HOUSES

The Banvard Company continued their successful season at the Star Theatre yesterday, when they staged two performances to crowded houses.

At the matinee the highly successful "Tip Toes" was presented. Miss Gaye Jukes, in the name part, repeated her pronounced success of Tuesday last, whilst Frank Atkinson and Edgar Stanmore once again caused great hilarity as Al and Hen Kaye, the ubiquitous vaudeville artistes.

The evening performance proved equally successful, the offering being "Clowns in Clover," which the company invested with their customary vim and vivacity.

The "Folies Bergere" Revue will be given at to-day's special matinee, and a "Review of Revues" is scheduled for to-night.

Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, share and general brokers, have kindly sent us a copy of their "Figures and Quotations of Local and other Stocks" for January. It is an informative and evidently a carefully compiled booklet, and should prove very useful to all interested in the local share market. Its price is \$1 per copy.

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MOVIELAND

The Week's Films At A Glance

QUEEN'S THEATRE

(At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20)
 To-day and To-morrow.—"Sharp Shooters," an excellent story of love and adventure in many parts of call. Featuring George O'Brien and Lois Moran.
 Tuesday and Wednesday.—"The Emden," the big German production, showing again in response to numerous requests. (Wednesday at 5.00 p.m., Miss Violet Capell's pupils dancing display.)
 Thursday to Saturday.—"The Woman Disputed," starring Norma Talmadge, Gilbert Roland, Arnold Kent, Boris de Foa and Gladys Brockwell.

WORLD THEATRE

(At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.20)
 To-day and To-morrow.—"Wyoming," a stirring romance of the West, with Tim McCoy. Also, Max Pickmann, clever illusionist, in an entire change of programme.
 Tuesday and Wednesday.—"A Certain Young Man," a delightful story of love, with Ramon Navarro in an entirely different role.
 Thursday and Friday.—Norma Shearer's splendid comedy, "His Secretary." With Lew Cody and a cast of screen favorites.
 Saturday and Sunday.—Harold Lloyd's great picture "The Kid Brother."

STAR THEATRE

To-day at 2.30 only, and to-morrow at 2.30 and 5.30, Mary Pickford in "My Best Girl."
 To-day at 5.00 p.m. The Banvard Musical Comedy Co. present "Folies Bergere."
 To-day and To-morrow, at 9.15 p.m. The Banvard Musical Comedy Co. present "Review of Revues." An excellent programme comprising of the most popular numbers in the repertoire, will hold the bill. The season definitely closes to-morrow night with a repeat performance of "Review of Revues."
 Tuesday and Wednesday (2.30, 5.30 and 9.20) Lew Cody and Norma Shearer in a gay love story "Adam and Evil."
 Thursday and Friday (2.30, 5.30 and 9.20) Clara Bow's lively comedy "It." An Elinor Glyn story.
 Saturday and Sunday.—Bebe Daniels in "Stranded in Paris." Saturday at 9.15 p.m., Miss Violet Capell's pupils dancing display.

BUSINESS ROMANCE

Norma Shearer in
 "His Secretary"

"His Secretary," a charming story of romance will be the feature attraction at the World Theatre on Thursday and Friday.

If Norma Shearer and Lew Cody weren't such clever actors, William Louis would steal the picture, and as it is, Louis manages to steal his share of the laurels. Louis' comic expressions are put to excellent use by Henley, the director, and his last appearance in the picture leaves the audience wishing for more.

In minor roles, Karl Dane of "The Big Parade" fame, Mabel Van Buren, Gwen Lee, Estelle Clark and Ernest Gillen all distinguish themselves. Henley has woven an entirely plausible comedy out of this story by Carey Wilson, and has given the screen another piece of entertainment that is a credit to the name, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Three officers and a number of ratings who actually took part in the famous battle of "The Emden" appear in the big German production showing again this week at the Queen's.

"THE EMDEN"

Showing Again at the Queen's

A PRESS COMMENT

"The Emden," the famous German production which thrilled large audiences when it was recently shown at the Queen's, will be screened again at that theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday. Of this remarkable film, "The Manchester Guardian" says:—
 "The Emden is the romance of gallantry; it belongs no more to Germany than to the whole world. It has no villains; it is the story of the clash of heroes, in which the victor and victim share the honour, and no one can really say which has lost and which has won.
 I like the spirit in which it has been made, the spirit in which it is being exploited in this country, and the spirit in which the British public is obviously going to receive it."

"New Era" has justified its name for thought and discrimination by bringing "The Emden" to England. It should do more to heal the bitterness left by the old war, and to frustrate the bitterness of a new war, than any film the cinema has yet made. It is dramatic yet true, true yet dramatic, and it drowns all national differences with a salute to the full, free, and thrilling comradeship of the sea.

MUSICAL COMEDY

Two Performances To-day At Star

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company are giving two performances to-day in the Star Theatre at 5.00 and 9.15 p.m. "Folies Bergere," the Moulin Rouge success, will be given at the matinee, and at the evening performance "Review of Revues," an excellent programme comprising of the most popular numbers in the repertoire, will hold the bill. The season definitely closes to-morrow night with a repeat performance of "Review of Revues."

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"The Emden" will be shown at the usual times on Tuesday, and at 2.30, 7.15 and 9.20 p.m. on Wednesday. On Wednesday at 5.00 p.m., Miss Violet Capell's pupils will give a dancing display.

ELINOR GLYN STORY

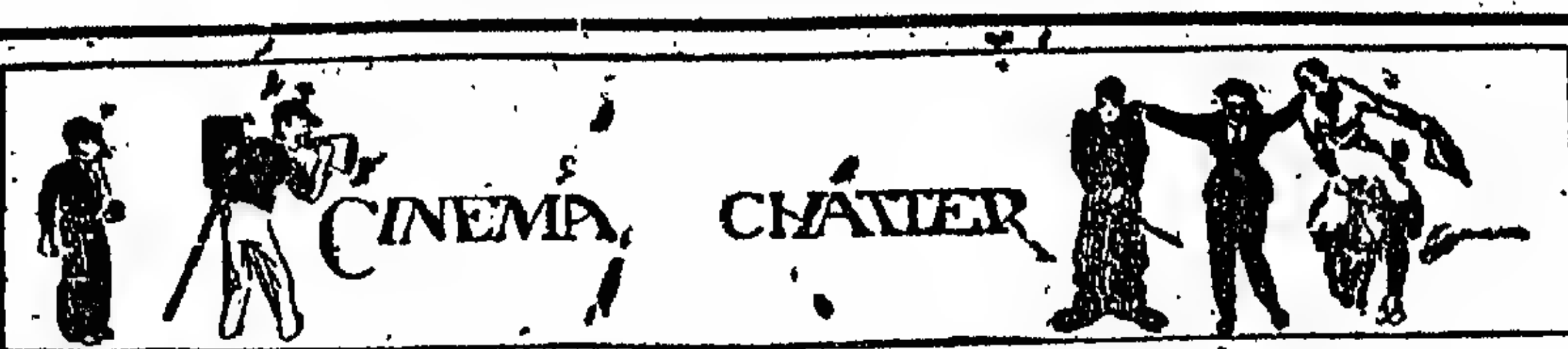
Clara Bow At Her Best In "IT"

Comedy in Clara Bow's liveliest manner is the chief ingredient of the screen version of Elinor Glyn's novel, "IT," which returns to the Star Theatre on Thursday and Friday.

A vivacious shop-girl, possessing the unusual power of "IT," which is said to make certain human beings irresistible to all with whom they come in contact, is the picture's central figure. With the aid of this strange power she wins the attention of the president of the department store in which she works and causes him to fall in love with her.

The romance and misunderstandings which follow, leading up to a thrilling yacht wreck and rescue far out on the ocean, are presented with exceptional skill and lavishness. Antonio Moreno plays the leading male role, and William Austin, Ersilia Bonner, Julia Swayne, Gordon and Jacqueline Gadsdon are also in the cast.

"Tempest" is the finest, most genuine motion picture John Barrymore has ever made.—"New York World."



"MY BEST GIRL"

Mary Pickford's Splendid Comedy Drama

Mary Pickford's excellent picture, "My Best Girl," a comedy with only a note of pathos here and there, is the feature attraction at the Star Theatre to-day at 2.30 p.m. only, and to-morrow at 2.30 and 5.30 p.m. Written by Kathleen Norris, whose love stories are a delight to lovers of romance, "My Best Girl" is the story of a shop girl, Maggie Johnson, who through all the hard knocks she receives, still retains a belief in better things. She is an enigma to her own family, who cannot understand the idealism with which she

THRILLING ROMANCE

George O'Brien in "Sharp Shooters"

TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S

With a cast headed by George O'Brien and Lois Moran, Fox Films' "Sharp Shooters," which is a production instilled with comedy, drama and romance enough to please any type of fan, is the feature film to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's. It is from an original story by Randall H. Faye and revolves around a young dancing girl in French Morocco, and an American sailor. From there the action goes to the New

WORLD THEATRE

Double Attraction To-day and To-morrow

"Wyoming" which may be seen to-day and to-morrow at the World Theatre, is the story of the opening of the Indian lands of that state to general settlement. It depicts the broken treaties with the red men, graphically shows the spectres of famine and privation suffered by the aborigines and shows why they evinced the bitterness which caused hundreds of men, women and children to fall beneath savage bullets and scalping knife.

Tim McCoy, who was a lieutenant-colonel in the U.S. cavalry, plays the role of



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CHARLEY CHASE IN "RUBY LIPS" AND LATEST M.G.M. NEWS

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paints out the shadows in their lives. At the store she meets a new employee, Joe Grant, with whom she falls in love. She has no idea that he is the son of the proprietor. The picture is a delightful romance of two youngsters walking headlong into the trap that Fate has set for them.

Charles Rogers plays the part of Joe Grant. It is expected that this handsome youngster will soon be one of the most popular leading men on the screen. Many unusual photographic effects have been contrived by Charles Rosher, who has been chief camera man for Miss Pickford during the past ten years. There will be two performances of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company to-day at the Star Theatre, at 5.00 and 9.15 p.m.

York East Side, where Lois follows George. It is only after a series of dramatic incidents in a boot-legger's dive that George finally realises his great love for the girl.

Both O'Brien and Miss Moran are splendid in their respective

(Continued at foot of next column.)

SUPERB DRAMA!

JOSEPH SCHENCK Presents



Norma Talmadge in "The Woman Disputed" with GILBERT ROLAND

Another big picture which will be screened from Thursday to Saturday at the Queen's.

POPULAR COMEDY TEAM

Merry Story of Matrimonial Mix-Ups

The new comedy team, Lew Cody and Aileen Pringle, will be seen at 2.30, 5.30 and 9.20 on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Star Theatre in "Adam and Evil," a Robert Z. Leonard production for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. No better picture story than this riotous feature comedy could have been selected for these two popular players. "Adam and Evil" is full of fast and furious fun, rendered doubly delectable by the accomplished artistry of Lew Cody, and by Miss Pringle's great charm and talent. Cody has the role of a philandering husband who accounts for such of his escapades as reach his wife's ears by inventing a twin brother, whom he finds it necessary to impersonate in order to allay his wife's suspicions. In this difficult role Cody proves no less delightful than does Miss Pringle as the suspicious young wife. The expert direction gives a novel twist to the story which, while extremely amusing, has also a few more serious moments. Another player worthy of mention is Roy D'Arcy who gives his usual polished performance in the role of the "villain."

DARING ROLE

Norma Talmadge Starred In Big Film

"A WOMAN DISPUTED"

Norma Talmadge plays the most daring role of her career in "The Woman Disputed," an adaptation of the sensational stage success of the same title, which is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday.

The United Artists picture was directed by Henry King, whose string of successes include Lillian Gish's "The White Sister," Richard Barthelmess's "Tolable David," and the all star feature, "Stella Dallas." Sam Taylor, Harold Lloyd's famous director, maker of "Girl Shy" and "Safety Last," was co-director with Mr. King.

Miss Talmadge's second picture for United Artists has its locale on the Austrian-Russian border before and during the World War. The earlier scenes reveal the star as a flashily-garbed girl whose beauty makes her a conspicuous figure in the night life of an Austrian city. She is loved by two men, former friends, whom the war makes enemies as well as rivals.

The supporting cast of "The Woman Disputed" is headed by Gilbert Roland, the leading man who won his first big success, with Miss Talmadge in "Camille" and

FUTURE EVENTS

Films That Are Coming Here

"The Crowd." King Vidor's mighty production starring James Murray and Eleanor Boardman. A modern drama of modern marriage.

"Laugh, Clown, Laugh." The mighty drama of a forbidden love. Featuring Lon Chaney, Gwen Lee and Nils Asther.

"Man, Woman and Sin." A gripping story of love and adventure behind the scenes of a city's great newspaper. Starring John Gilbert, Jeanne Eagles, Gladys Brockwell, Marc McDermott Phillip Anderson and Aileen Manning.

"Tempest." John Barrymore's latest spectacular production. Also featuring Camilla Horn, Louis Wolheim, George Fawcett and Michael Visaroff.

"Faust," based on the famous opera and starring the great German actor, Emil Jannings.

"Under The Black Eagle." The story of a police dog, with Ralph Forbes, Marceline Day and Bert Roach.

"Wife Savers," a comedy of social ups and downs. With Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton.

"Four Sons," one of the screen's greatest and truest classics. With Margaret Mann, James Hall, June Collyer, Earle Foxe, Francis X. Bushman Jr. and Albert Gran.

"Don't Marry." The amusing story of how a modern young miss "educated" her boy friend. With Neil Hamilton, Lois Moran and Claire McDowell.

"Win That Girl." Another snappy comedy of youth and love. Starring Sue Carol, David Rollins and Roscoe Karns.

"No Other Woman," the thrilling story of a woman's caprice. Featuring Dolores del Rio, Don Alvarado, Ben Bard and Paulette Goddard.

"Wolf Fangs," in which the marvellous dog "Thunder" plays the leading part. Caryl Lincoln, Charles Morton and Frank Rice supporting.

"The Gateway of the Moon," a tropical tempest of emotion on the Amazon. With Dolores del Rio, Ted McNamara, Walter Pidgeon and Leslie Fenton.

"The Big City," another gripping drama played by a superb cast of players headed by Lon Chaney.

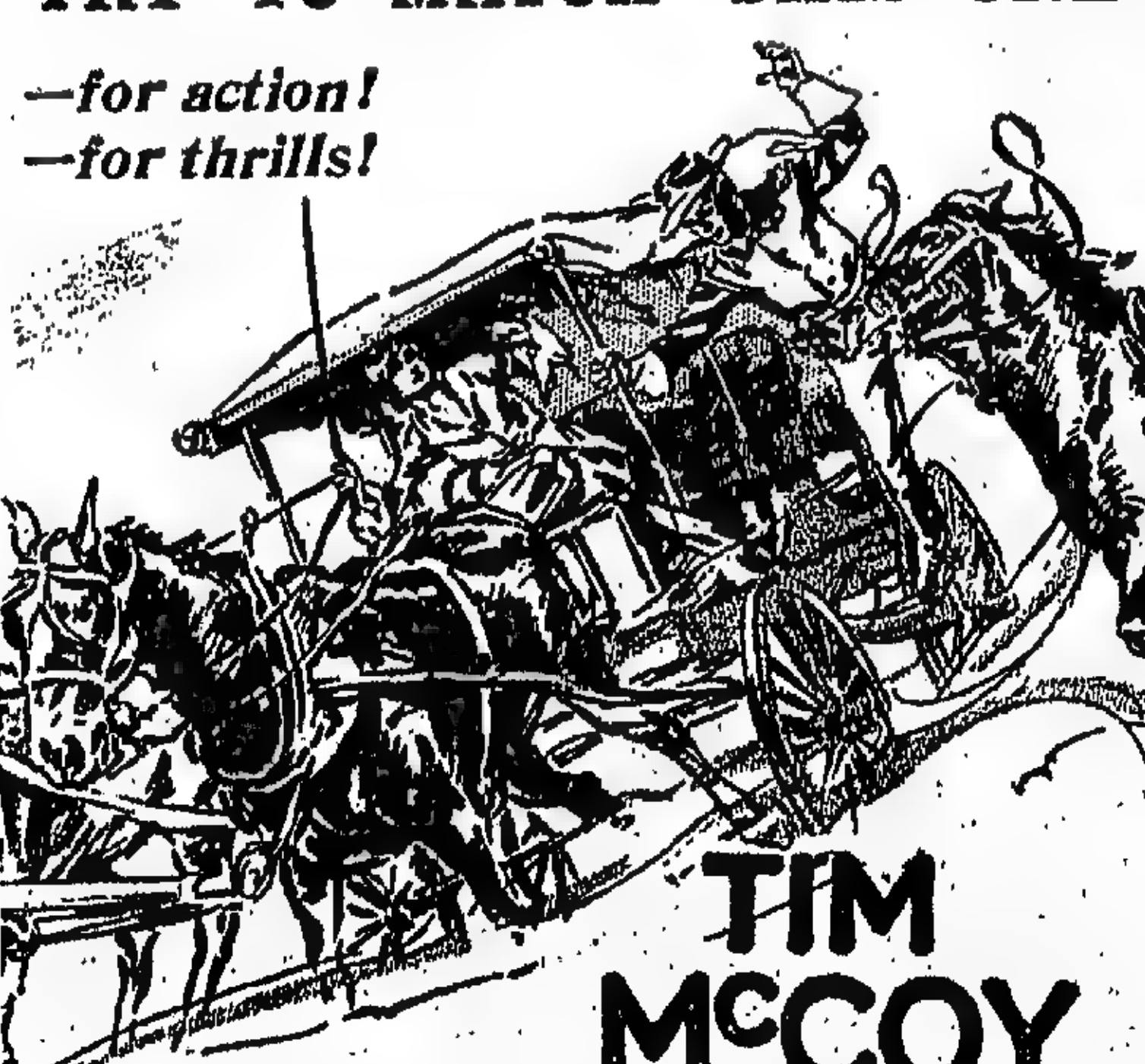
BEBE DANIELS

"Stranded in Paris" Showing This Week

She watched an aeroplane dropping samples, got one, found a free ticket to Paris enclosed, and set out for the gay capital. That's the beginning of Bebe Daniels' thrilling Paramount farce, "Stranded in Paris," which will be shown on Saturday and Sunday next at the Star Theatre. But everything goes wrong in Paris. Her purse is stolen and she fails to meet her wealthy admirer. So she starts working for a fashionable modiste. Delivering some gowns at a distant town, her identity is mistaken, and she is shown to the rooms of the Countess Pasada! What happens when the real count arrives and finds a beautiful girl posing as his wife begins a series of the most comical and exciting incidents any movie "fan" could desire. "Stranded in Paris" is undoubtedly the best comedy Bebe Daniels has yet made. And, as she is one of the screen's cleverest comedienne, nothing more need be said. James Hall, Ford Sterling and Iris Stuart head the big supporting cast.

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TIM MCCOY in "WYOMING"

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SPIRITUAL LIGHT

True Nature of God and Man

Christ Jesus, whose great work was to reveal the true nature of God and man, described his mission as the coming of light. "I am come a light into the world," he said, "that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." The prophet Isaiah had foreseen that the influence of the looked-for Messiah would be as light, saying, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." The New Testament contains abundant testimony of the spiritual illumination which came through the Master's teaching. It offers rich admonition to all to accept and be guided by the truth which Christ Jesus revealed, and all who have experienced the touch of the loving Christ Truth, know that this holy influence is the illumination of spiritual sense.

The nature of this spiritual light is clearly designated in the true record of creation, where it is declared, "And God said, Let there be light, and there was light." And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness. This explains why the coming of the Christ Truth, to a so-called darkened world must necessarily be as the appearing of spiritual light, in which good is revealed as the only reality, and through this inspiration or true knowledge of God, the darkness of material mis-

conception concerning creation is dispelled as unreal, as illusion or mere fiction.

Mortal existence, so called, is a problem that must be solved through the light of spiritual understanding, through the coming to consciousness of the Christ Truth, to whose light are revealed the all-potency and goodness of God and the perfection of man in God's likeness. But this problem must be worked out individually, step by step, according to daily need, and necessarily through innumerable proofs in specific instances of the truth of spiritual existence and the consequent unreality of the material sense of sin, sickness, and death.

The need of understanding through which to make the continuous required proof of God's goodness and love comes to human consciousness as spiritual light, as the holy presence of Christ Truth, the expression of God, divine Mind. If, therefore, one is tempted to believe as real a sense of sin, weariness, discouragement, disappointment, or suffering, one need only turn toward the truth, sincerely and persistently praying for the coming of spiritual light to illuminate consciousness with full confidence in the Master's promise concerning the Christ Truth, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The light of spiritual understanding, which reveals the facts concerning true creation, and therefore concerning any problem whatsoever, will surely appear in response to earnest prayer for it; and the darkness of belief in sin, unhappiness, or pain will surely disappear as unreal.

since for all eternity "God divided the light from the darkness."

One such experience of dispelling the darkness of erring material belief through the light of spiritual understanding quickens the desire to go forward in the gaining of a clearer understanding of God and the real man. And such effort brings an increasing manifestation in all one's affairs of this truer concept of harmonious existence; for spiritual illumination always reveals good as the present actuality, forever expressed.

A QUOTATION FOR TO-DAY

Superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions. —Confucius.

OLD AGE

And let me tell you in your ear, old age, I'm bound to travel with you but one stage; Be't long or short, you cannot keep me back; And when we meet the end o' ye maun pack; For there we part for ever; late or air. Another guest companion meets me there By hire, whate'er you've rifled, stolen or ta'en, Will all be given with interest back again.

—ELIZABETH HAMILTON.

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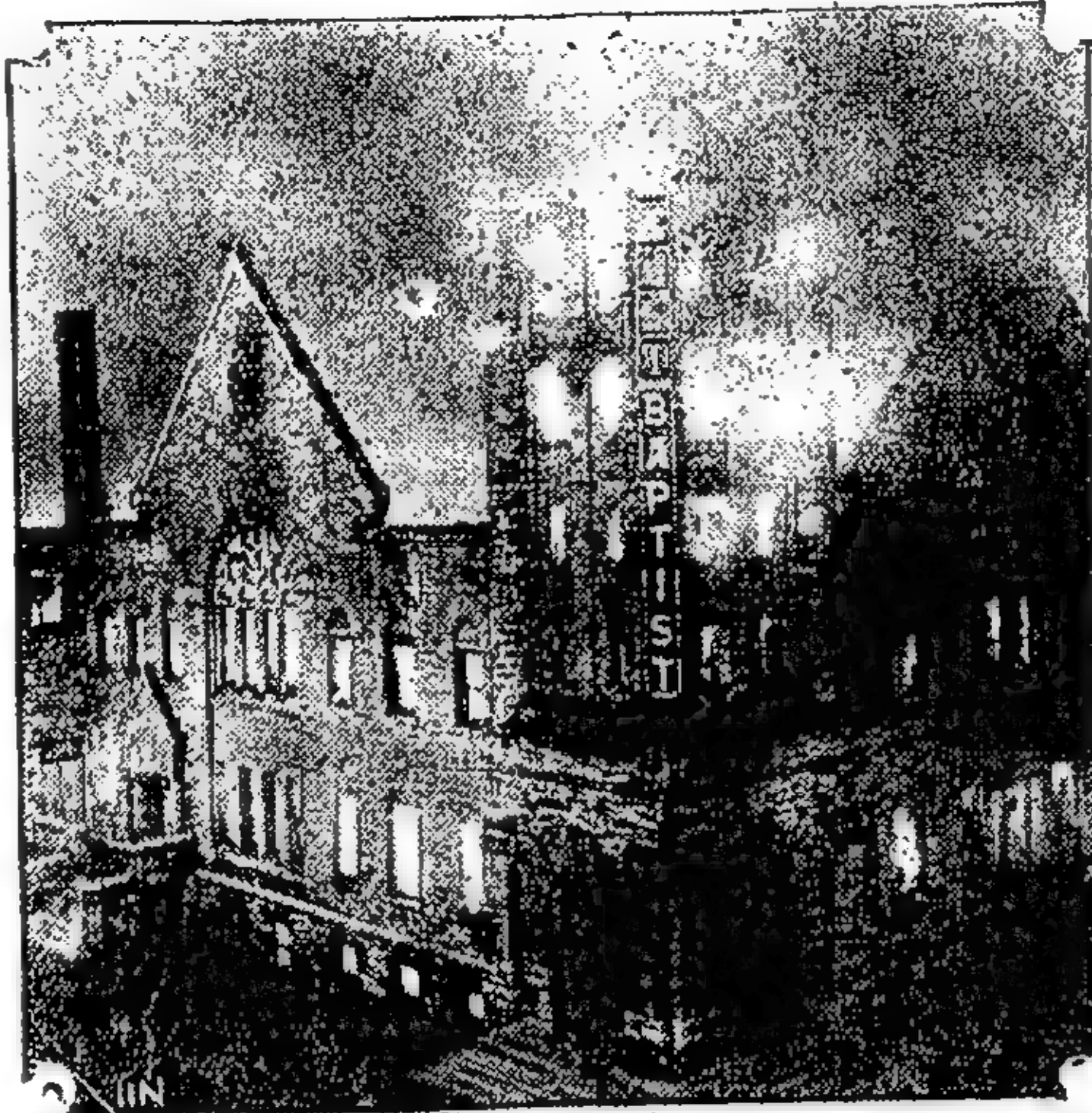
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THE ROCK

And the rain beat,
And the winds blew,
And the floods came.
But the house stood,
As a house stood,
On a strong Rock.

Dig deep and hold on,
The Rock will not fall.
Grow into it,
Root, stock and all.
Then your building will stand
Four square to the winds,
Four square to the floods,
Four square to the rain.
Dig deep and hold on,
The Rock cannot fall;
But building thereon
You will stand,
And in standing prevail.
Robert E. Key, in the "Christian Science Monitor."

Church Burned by Incendiaries



The ruins of First Baptist Church, of Ft. Worth, Texas, photographed after a fire believed to have been set by incendiaries. Pastor of the church is the Rev. J. Frank Norris, noted as a fundamentalist. Tuba and jug that had contained gasoline were found in the church cellar.

they stayed out after ten o'clock is something which Mr. Baldwin might try to settle. This question of punishment is a very difficult one, for the father of a boy who was punished for smoking in school hours has just failed in a summons against the schoolmaster. The boy refused to submit himself to punishment and was chased round the schoolroom by two assistant masters who finally held him during the morning. Many people say the headmaster did quite right and the magistrates evidently thought so too, but nowadays parents who often cannot control the children themselves rather resent their being punished at school. In this case the parent said he did not know anything about the school rule or the subject of smoking.

A Dictatorship

Another country has gone away from Parliamentary organizations, and some of those who would like to see an equivalent of Mussolini in Britain are inclined to rejoice over the suppression of Parliament by dictatorship. The same papers curiously enough always register joy and satisfaction at the suppression of tramways by omnibus routes. Both Parliament and tramways are apparently too democratic for a certain type of mind, perhaps too socialist; and this may account for a curious association of ideas in the matter. It is easy to talk in this way of course, for we are not at all likely to have a Mussolini in Britain, and if you read Lord Morley on Cromwell you will find that the victor of Naseby was by no means so free and unfettered in his rule as are the twentieth century dictators. The very people who profess to view with satisfaction the disappearance of Parliamentary institutions will probably be amongst the first in the event of anything similar happening here, to claim the right which most certainly would not be granted, to criticise the new administration's efforts.

Barristers Clerks

There is more democracy about than you would imagine. At a meeting the other day two judges and four or five prominent barristers came to sit at meat with a number of barrister's

clerks, and to spend a very pleasant evening with them. It is true the circumstances were somewhat special, but that does not do away with the fact that master and man could meet and sit together in the most friendly relations. The position of a barrister's clerk is a strange one and differs from that of the solicitor's clerk who is sometimes given his articles by his employer and thus may become a solicitor. There is no chance of anything like that happening in the case of the barrister's clerk who yet is indispensable to the success of chief and who shares in his prosperity; for apart from other remuneration he is supposed to get the shillings in the briefs. If his chief is fortunate enough to become a judge the clerk goes with him from the Temple to the Courts of Justice. Amongst the party was one who had spent 50 years with his chief, the late Lord Stenderdale, and several who had spent 40 years and over. Indeed loyalty is a remarkable feature of this curious employment, and when a man still well able to work loses employment through death he is usually able to get another prominent barrister to take him on. These clerks serve as buffers between their chiefs, and the solicitors and the public who are really their employers and who have to be handled very tactfully, especially in the case of the barrister who though well on in years and entitled to advancement knows that it would "not pay him to take sick." They were full of stories all amusing, some notably so, though necessarily of a professional character, such as would have rejoiced the late Sir Maung Kin, who was always interested in legal stories. One non-professional story was of an extremely cheeky parrot which was punished by its owner and flew away with its feathers very much ruffled. Allighting outside the kitchen window, it saw a chicken in the hands of the cook who had just started to prepare it and shrieked out: "Blimey, what have you said," which proved exceptional intelligence on the part of that parrot. Another Scots story was of a visitor from the north who dropped his pocket book in the restaurant and asked the waiter to pick it up. His neighbour said to

him "What's the matter, spical trouble?" "No," said the other, "I bought a pair of braces in Aberdeen last week and they won't give."

Salvation Army

The affairs of the Salvation Army have aroused a great deal of attention lately largely because of the way in which the women in the Booth family are prominent in the discussion. According to today's news the General has spiked the guns of the reform party by setting up a small council of his own nomination who will run things for him until he recovers his health. Apparently he has no intention of allowing the control to pass out of his hands, especially that part of the control which means he has a right to nominate his successor. Strangely enough on Sunday evening when it was fine and frosty there were three Salvation Army meetings going on in street corners in Oxford street, another big rally indoors at the Regent Hall, and quite a gathering around a speaker in Hyde Park, so that whatever may be happening at the top it looks as if the rank and file of the army were not affected in their propaganda work for simple emotional religion.

Sir Basil Blackett

Sir Basil Blackett's appointment as chairman of the company which controls Empire communications by cable and wireless disposes of the rumour that Lord Birkenhead was to get this post. We all know what a very able Finance Member Sir Basil Blackett was in India, and he certainly ought to be a very efficient head of the new communications company, if not so picturesque or so uncertain a personality as Lord Birkenhead would have been.

Penny Postage

The movement for the penny post is going strong, but Mr. Churchill has no money to appear for that kind of generosity, and he can turn down the proposal in safety as practically all the people who are pushing it will not fall away from supporting the Baldwin candidates when they go to the poll at the end of May.



MENACE OF GAS

London, January, 17. Another railway accident and a continuance of explosions in various parts of the country from gas have made us all rather nervous, and there is almost the beginning of a scare about gas, at which of course the electric light people are naturally if secretly rejoicing. The portion of Bloomsbury, that was blown some weeks ago is still under repair, and Holborn itself is closed from the Holborn Restaurant to Maudie's Library. A friendly bus conductor stated the other morning that they did not expect to resume their normal route for two or three months. Now that things have got into working order the diversion of traffic does not mean more than three or four minutes delay, but at the rush hours in the morning and evening this runs to perhaps ten minutes and the police have to be opportunistic. Coming eastward one may be sent down Southampton Row or Grays Inn Road or Holborn Garden to reach Holborn eventually, just as the traffic of the time dictates. There is a feeling about that the slowness in reconstruction of the disturbed streets is partly due to the fact that a Commission is sitting to find out how it happened, and although the Commission's Chairman has said that they were not there to find out who was to pay for it, it is obvious that their decision must have some effect on the matter. Meanwhile the closing up of three or four hundred yards of a main thoroughfare upsets the whole traffic in Central London and has its repercussions as far away from Holborn as the Bank on one side and Piccadilly Circus on the other.

Dolores Case

The Dolores case will do the women of the period a lot of harm;

for instead of devoting themselves to political education too many of them are still greatly affected by sentiment. Quite a large number of plain women with heavy eyelids will begin to think that they possess that fatal gift of wicked beauty which, as in the case of Dolores, makes young men of artistic temperament write poems and paint pictures to the objects of their affection, and finally commit suicide, once more proving that man is really the sentimental sex. Very seldom indeed will you hear of the reverse position, of a girl committing suicide under such circumstances. Even if she does, she very seldom writes verses about it as the young artist who committed suicide last week. Romantic women may be that is desirous of being the centre of a romance; but sentimental which is quite another matter they seldom are. The story of Dolores and the young man will probably be responsible for a great outpouring of (and seeking for) romance amongst those who are eligible to vote at the next election.

Girls Out Late

On the other hand we have the Marchioness of Winchester telling the world that she thinks a girl under 28 ought not to be out after ten o'clock at night, and that the father of the girl in question was quite right in thrashing her for staying out later than he approved of. Seeing that by 28 many girls have probably married and borne children as well as earned their own living, Lady Winchester's dogma strikes as rather old fashioned, but it is interesting to find that such views are still expressed and presumably believed in by people who might be considered capable of giving a lead in such matters to the rest of the community. Whether the voters would tolerate being punished by their male parents if

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The Criminal Sessions have witnessed the trial of Pte. Boyle, of the K.O.S.B. who pleaded guilty to wounding a sergeant on the voyage to Colombo. Sentence was deferred.

There has been a chapter of mishaps to shipping, including an attack by bandits, on the Yangtze and the West River, details of which cannot but interest the folk at Home.

Several Company meetings are reported, disclosing the better commercial position of the Colony during the past twelve months, with prospects of better things to come — good news for those with relatives at Home.

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Unpropitious Conditions in China, Japan & Malaya

LOCAL RESTRAINED OPTIMISM JUSTIFIED

That he was fairly hopeful of revival in business this year "without which it will not be possible to assure shareholders a continuation of a return on the high level which has been maintained for these several years past" was mentioned yesterday by the chairman of the Court of Directors of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, held in the City Hall, an occasion looked forward to in all parts of the world if only for its searching review of trade in the Far East.

In 1927 unpropitious conditions were met with in China, Japan and Malaya, the chairman said.

Of China it was stated that "taking the picture as a whole, the year marked a welcome return towards normal."

As to Hong Kong trade the chairman maintained that the "restrained optimism" of his predecessors had been justified.

WAYFOONG AND THE FAR EAST

The attendance comprised:-

Mr. A. H. Clouston (chairman), Mr. N. S. Brown (deputy chairman), Mr. L. D. F. Both, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. B. L. Langer Lewis, Mr. C. G. S. Ma, Mr. W. L. Pott, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. T. G. Weal, Mr. H. P. White (directors), the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (chief manager), Mr. D. J. Lewis (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, the Bank's solicitors) and the following shareholders:-

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Year's Working
The notice convening the meeting was read by the chief manager. The chairman then presented his review as follows:-
Gentlemen,—With your permission I shall, as usual, take the report and statement of accounts as read, as they have been in your hands for some time past.

The results of the year's working are, you will have noticed, somewhat less favourable than in recent times. The net profit of \$18,430,060.61 comparing with \$14,239,288.14 for 1927. Our earnings, I am glad to say, justify the Board in recommending the same dividend and bonus as before, but you will observe that we have had to suspend our practice of making an annual addition to reserves.

That the banking year in the Far East should have proved less prosperous can cause no surprise when we consider the unpropitious conditions in three of our fields of operations: the commercial depression in China—the legacy of civil wars and successive political upheavals; the unsettled economic situation in Japan, the causes of which I propose to analyse later, and, in the case of the Straits and Malaya, a drastic curtailing of trade consequent on the fall in the price of rubber.

As I shall show presently, there is reasonable ground for looking to an improvement in each of these cases and I think that we may be fairly hopeful of seeing during the next twelve months that revival in the business of the Bank without which it will not be possible to assure to shareholders a continuation of a return on the high level which has been maintained for these several years past.

Including \$3,411,430.90 brought forward and after deducting the interim dividend of £3 paid in August last (viz.: £480,000 at 2/0 3/8 equal to \$4,723,153.85) and \$60,000 remuneration to Directors, the balance available for distribution is \$12,065,338.66. The allocation of this balance recommended by the Directors, which I hope will meet with your approval, is as follows:—

A final dividend of £3 per share with bonus of £2 per share (subject to deduction of income tax), absorbing \$7,917,525.77.

Transfer to Bank Premises
Account, \$750,000.
Balance carried forward to the new account, \$3,397,812.89.
Total \$12,065,338.66.

Balance Sheet
The figures of the balance sheet do not require much comment. Money being easier in most of the principal centres of our activities, bills discounted, loans and credits have declined about \$16 million which is compensated by an increase in our cash and bullion in hand and in transit of about \$20.34 million.

The only other considerable difference is in our holding of securities which is lower by about \$29.2 million, this being to a great extent accounted for by an increased holding of bills receivable which are some \$10 million higher and a reduction in current accounts of about \$11 million.

I would mention that our investments stand in our books at well below current market prices. Although the event falls actually within the current year and so is outside the period under review, I should like to refer to the opening on January 2 of our Kowloon sub-agency. In establishing this new office on the mainland we are keeping in step with the rapid growth of the Colony in that direction and are, I feel sure, providing the increasing body of residents with a much appreciated convenience. The sub-agency serves also to relieve the pressure of work which falls on our Head Office.

Silver Market
Among the subjects dealt with by the Chairman at our annual meetings, the Silver Market holds an always important place inasmuch as, by its effect on the China exchange, the price of silver exercises a probably greater influence than any other single factor over the operation of foreign banks and commercial houses in the Far East.

During the past year the trend of the market has been quiet and steady with few sharp movements in the price, ready prices ranging between 26.116d. and 26.78d. per ounce with an average price for the whole year of 26.34d. compared with 26.132d. in 1927.

An estimate of the total amount of the world's production of mined silver in 1928 is 268 million standard ounces. This was supplemented by some 25 million ounces sold by the Government of India from their Currency Reserve and by over 30 million from the melting down of British, French and Belgian silver coins. The total addition to world stocks thus amounts to about 323 million standard ounces, against 305 million in the previous year.

China's Consumption
On the consumption side, China handled no less than 141 million ounces as compared with 98 million in 1927 and this constitutes a record. India absorbed some 110 million ounces net. The aggregate up-take of the two great silver consuming countries can thus be placed at near 250 million, an increase of about 45 million over the preceding year.

If the output of the mines had not been amply augmented from the special sources of supply which I have already mentioned, China's unusually large requirements could hardly have been met without a substantial advance in price. Looking forward, the Chinese demand for silver, as likely to be the dominating factor in price, invites particular interest. The bulk of the silver taken by that country last year was minted into dollars and it remains to be seen whether the

hoped-for recovery of trade resulting from more peaceful conditions will mean a sustained demand for these coins, the circulation of which among China's vast population has an enormous potential scope.

Money Markets
The money markets of the world are dealt with so fully from time to time in the various financial papers that a reference to them here seems unnecessary, but it may be of interest to enumerate certain outstanding events of the year affecting the London Market, which holds its pride of place as the world's chief financial centre.

(1) The stabilisation of the French Exchange at 124.21 in June last, a prelude to which was the large accumulation of foreign balances by the Bank of France and the importation of gold from America.

(2) Heavy borrowings of foreign capital by Germany and consequent importation of gold into that country.

(3) The high rates for call money in New York and advance in the New York Federal Reserve Bank rate from 3 1/2 per cent. in January to 5 per cent. in July.

(4) The final transfer of the currency note issue to the Bank of England. This operation completed our transitional steps from the war currency non-gold basis to the Gold Bullion Standard.

It is satisfactory to note that the endeavours towards the stabilisation of world prices are being continued and that the central banks of Europe maintain their policy to this end. Gold has now been universally adopted.

COURT OF DIRECTORS

Mr. N. S. Brown has been elected chairman and Mr. W. H. Bell deputy chairman of the Court of Directors of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for this year.

ed in Europe as the monetary standard, while in Japan, though the Government remains non-committal, public opinion appears to be favourable to its early adoption.

China Trade
I will now briefly pass in review conditions of trade and finance throughout the Far East, beginning with China. The cessation of civil war brought, I need not say, great relief to the trading community in the country. This was largely discounted, however, by a disappointing lack of improvement in such essentials as taxation, transport and public security, not to mention the disturbing effects of a radical alteration of the Customs tariff. Taking the picture as a whole, nevertheless, the year marked a welcome return towards normal. The consumption of British cotton piece goods has compared well with previous years and hopes are fixed on the co-operative schemes of the Lancashire manufacturers. The trade in woollens appears to have felt the beneficial effect of the growing use of foreign-style clothing. For engineering products Manchuria alone has afforded a fair demand and even there British goods have cut but a small figure in the market: good promise of recovery in this important branch of trade attaches, however, to the many schemes of railway improvement, not to mention the present rapid extension of roads for motor traffic and the projects of air transport.

Hong Kong's Trade
Turning to the trade of this Colony, I need only say that the year's experience justifies the restrained optimism of my predecessors' remarks. There has been improvements but on a very restricted scale, showing that the damage of many years of civil war and chaos had sunk too deep to be quickly repaired on the return of peace. Excessive taxation in China further impedes recovery, so much so at Swatow that it has practically closed the port as a distributing centre. Hong Kong itself is suffering from the diversion of the rice trade to direct channels. The Canton sales of silk have been fairly satisfactory with low prices but a good demand, while the export of wood-oil has reacted somewhat from the artificial stimulus which it derived in the previous year from the stoppage of Yangtze shipping.

Yangtze Difficulties
On the Yangtze itself the export trade, which in 1927 was brought almost to a standstill by war, banditry and taxation, made a partial recovery in the absence of civil fighting but continues to struggle with heavy odds. While river navigation—thanks partly to naval guards—has been less interfered with by piracy, the movement of goods has been increasingly hampered by means of local taxation, fresh imposts being continually applied by the various regional authorities without method or warning, to the great dislocation of trade.

Malayan Industries
The Philippine Islands suffered from a drop in the prices for their principal articles of export, especially sugar, though in view of the general over-production of this latter commodity they were fortunate in being able to market a crop of half a million tons in the U.S.A. at a reasonable profit. Taking trade as a whole the year was somewhat less favourable than its predecessors.

New Central Bank
Another proposal put into effect is the founding of a Central Bank. The Bank, which is capitalised with \$20,000,000 supplied from Treasury funds, is charged by its charter with the duties of issuing currency notes, holding Government funds, minting and the floating of national loans, while it is also allowed to engage within specified limits in ordinary banking and exchange. There is every hope that the new Bank will be a valuable instrument to assist the trade, improve the finances and enhance the credit of China, and I have strong faith in its future if the management profit, as they may, by the experience which

Trade on the Upper River has been fitful and somewhat precarious owing to cases of local interference and to the disturbed political condition of the province of Szechuen, which still virtually maintains its traditional independence of the rest of China.

Rail Traffic Wanted
In the North business has had further obstacles to contend with, firstly, the dearth of railway transport due to the wholesale removal of rolling stock by the Manchurian authorities and secondly the crippling charges imposed on railway traffic by the military authorities controlling the lines. Since the middle of the year through traffic has been suspended both on the Tientsin-Pukow and Tientsin-Mukden lines, on the former by reason of the blowing-up of the Yellow River bridge and subsequent misunderstandings between the Chinese and Japanese authorities; on the latter on account of the failure of Mukden and Nanking to come to a working arrangement. The port of Tientsin has also been cruelly handicapped by the silting up of its waterway—a state of affairs which, I trust, being seriously taken in hand.

Manchuria has given proof of slow but steady development, commercial and economic, and seems to be coming nearer to rectifying the disordered state of her currency which has been for several years past the chief bar to prosperity.

India's Conditions
The 1928 returns of the Chinese Maritime Customs show a total of Haikwan Taels 82,332,000—a rise of 18 1/2 million over the previous year. Though the increase is satisfactory, the figures have little real value as a criterion of progress since the excess is almost entirely referable to the last few months when goods were being hurried into the country in the anticipation of the new Customs rates which came into force on the 1st of this month.

In India the record of 1928 was not unlike that of the previous year, a good monsoon coinciding with rather disappointing trade results. Imports were dull, especially Manchester piece goods which continue to suffer from the popularity of Japanese manufactures. There was a large and good cotton crop, but the price of raw cotton fluctuated unduly owing to speculation, while a strike of mill operatives lasting for six months seriously affected the situation. The jute crop was smaller but sold at a better price, and gunny shipments were well up to the 1927 figure. Exchange followed a normal course and a favourable trade balance at the end of the year encourages a hopeful outlook.

Japan's Problems
Japan, on the contrary, has had to face an accentuated adverse trade balance, exports having declined by 20 million Yen against an increase of 15 million Yen in imports. This result must be attributed mainly to two causes, fluctuations in the exchange value of the yen, and the boycott of Japanese goods in China and in other markets controlled by Chinese traders. Trade developments is hampered also by an unduly high retail price level, the index figure being no less than 20 points above that ruling in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Fortunately the country as a whole enjoyed an excellent rice crop and a sustained market for its output of raw silk.

The financial crisis of 1927 has been repaired to the point where only seven of the thirty banks involved now remain closed and we may fairly look for more prosperous developments if the country is freed from the retarding effects of the boycott by Chinese on the one hand and, on the other, of the uncertainty caused by the lack of a fixed policy in dealing with the foreign exchange problem.

Translated into action this programme would form an admirable groundwork for national reconstruction and one looks anxiously for signs of its being carried into effect. I regret that the indications are hardly encouraging, even when allowance is made for all the initial difficulties.

Taking the various points, by agreement with the Treaty Powers the new Customs tariff came into force on the 1st of this month. The import duties are based on the proposals made during the interrupted Tariff Conference at Peking in 1925-6 and are to remain in force unaltered for one year. Regarded as a whole the new tariff appears to be conceived on moderate and reasonable lines and British merchants as a whole have acquiesced in the increase in no grudging spirit. The position will be totally changed, however, if, as there seems some reason to fear, the new scale is rendered nugatory by the addition of extra taxation on imports under some other name.

Worse than Before
Financial re-organisation generally has made, I am forced to say, little visible progress, and there are no signs as yet of the introduction of a proper budgetary system, which must be the first step towards effective reform. In fact it is difficult to see how anything radical can be done in the way of improvement so long as the military drain on the country's resources remains as at present. At the point which especially touches the foreign merchant, namely the irregular taxation of trade, there is no change for the better; indeed the exactions of local authorities are, generally speaking, worse than before. British merchants as a whole realize that a high level of taxation is in present circumstances inevitable, but what they have bitterly to complain of is the reckless and arbitrary imposition of local taxes, which are continually varied and changed. The effect is as prejudicial to the authorities who levy the taxes as to the merchants themselves, while the country as a whole suffers incalculable loss from the holding-up of trade.

The Railways
The rehabilitation of the railways is among the most pressing needs of the country. Unhappily it is blocked by continued military interference in the form of retention of rolling-stock and the "milking" of revenue, in regard to which conditions are particularly bad on the three northern railways, the Peking-Mukden, Peking-Suiyuan and Peking-Hankow lines. The new

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Fundamental Hindrance
Consideration of the railway situation brings me to the question of the armed forces, the existence of which at their present strength of over 1 1/2 millions is the fundamental hindrance to progress and lies at the base of the reconstruction problem. Apart from the economic burden to China of having to support these unproductive

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has recently been gained in Europe of the functions of Central Banking in the regulation of currency and exchange, the essential element of which is an administration which shall be independent of government control.

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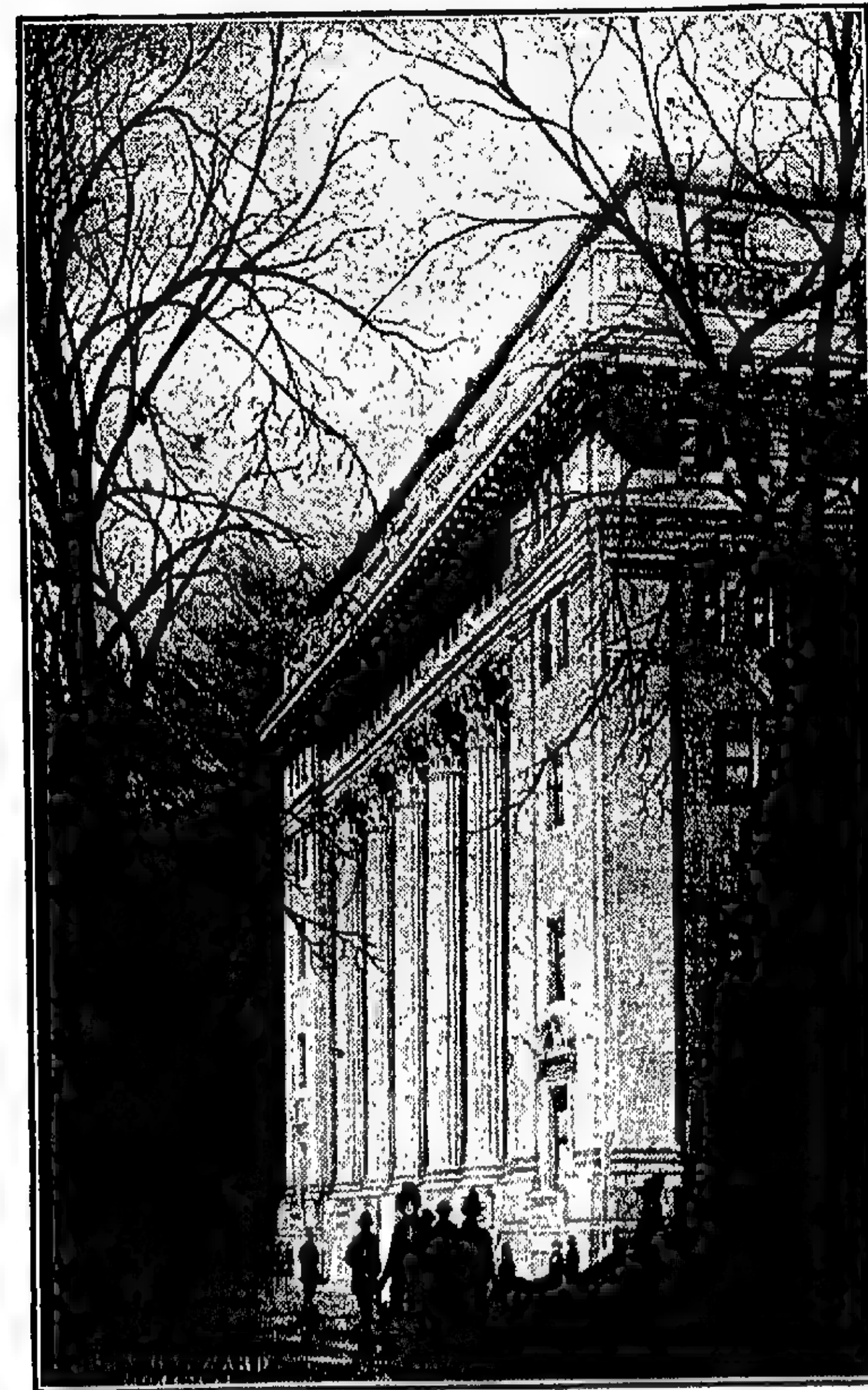
Dividends to Policyholders increased for ninth successive year

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FAIRLY HOPEFUL

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legions, the militaristic system which they represent must, while it lasts, block all important schemes for improving the state of the country. As I have hinted already, an independent military commander clinging to control of the sinews of war in his district is an insuperable obstacle to national re-organization so that real reform depends on the centralization of military control coupled with reduction of the armies. We may welcome the attempt made to grapple with this problem by the Disbandment Conference held at Nanking last month.

Sino-Foreign Relations

In Sino-foreign relations the year has been eventful, new treaties having been signed with all but one of the two of the treaty Powers. Our own Government concluded the new tariff treaty on December 20, followed on the next day by the presentation of letters of credence by H.M. Minister General, as well as diplomatic relations between the two countries may happily be said to have returned to normal. The anti-British agitation of two or three years ago has now practically vanished and a new spirit of friendliness is making itself felt, for which I believe we are in to small part indebted to the personal influence of H.M. Representatives in Peking and Hong Kong.

Tariff Autonomy

The recognition of tariff autonomy follows logically from the British declaration of policy in Chinese affairs made at the end of 1926 and is a first and major step in the treaty revision which H.M. Government then accepted as being due in justice to China. It is much to be hoped that the concession will be taken in this sense and not made a stepping-stone for demands for the prompt and unconditional surrender of essential foreign safeguards, the removal of which is not yet warranted by existing conditions in China and can safely come about only by a mutual process of adjustment. Much as I hope to see the necessity for special foreign rights replaced at an early date by the security afforded by a responsible Chinese administration effective throughout the country, I do not hesitate to say that in the state of affairs which exists at the present moment the total disappearance of the existing safeguards would be disastrous to foreign business with China.

Loan Services

Of the so-called foreign-controlled services, I have to record,

with regret, the resignation of Mr. Edwards, Officiating Inspector General of Customs, since the retirement of Sir Francis Aglen two years ago. He is succeeded by Mr. Maze, for the success of whose administration we tender our best wishes.

In the case of the Salt Gabelle the National Government have repudiated many of the major provisions of the 1918 Reorganisation Loan Agreement and substituted new regulations, drawn up without reference to the signatory banks, rigorously curtailing the joint supervisory powers of the Chinese and foreign Chief Inspectors. It is gravely damaging to the new Government's reputation for good faith that they should hold themselves free to alter contracts by their own arbitrary decision even when, as in this case, the rights involved had been made almost a dead letter by the action of the authorities of a previous regime. The Minister of Finance has, meanwhile, publicly pledged himself to provide for the services of the loans secured on the Salt Revenue, and the foreign Governments concerned have noted his undertaking.

Defaults

The list of defaulted Chinese foreign loans in which British interests are involved was increased last year by the addition of the Anglo-French loan of 1908 and the Crisp Loan of 1912. Five of the railway loans are also in arrears and the total defaulted payments for 1928 on the British portions alone (not including unsecured loans) amounted to £1,160,000. It is to be hoped that the Government will not delay in taking in hand a scheme for liquidating the large body of arrears on these foreign debts. It may not be out of place to mention in round figures the outstanding amount of long-term Chinese loans raised on the London Market. The total is between 30 and 40 millions of pounds sterling, of which roughly one-half relates to loans used for railway construction.

Spirit of Progress

If my review of the Chinese situation has been less tinged with optimism than some of my hearers might have hoped, let me remind you that I have been dealing with the facts of to-day rather than the promise of to-morrow and, furthermore, that a transitional period is always a difficult, and often a disappointing, time. I count it a great achievement in itself that the Nationalist party and its military supporters have held the country together since their victory of last summer and one can

see in many directions outside the range of politics the promise of rapid advance—to take material examples, in the opening up of the country by extensive motor roads and by the aeronautical development of which we have had a striking example in the successful flight by Chinese pilots across the entire length of the country from Canton to Mukden. There can be no doubt that the spirit of progress is abroad throughout the country. May I conclude by saying that those who bear the responsibility of directing this progress and of restoring law, order and prosperity to the country have our genuine sympathy, that we realize the peculiar difficulties of their task and, in following the situation, we strive to maintain an outlook essentially broad-minded and free from petty or biased views.

Very Difficult Year

Finally I would ask for your confirmation of the action of the Directors in voting a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries to the Staff. The year has been a very difficult one to all concerned and I feel confident you will approve of this recognition of their services.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts.

After the proposal has been seconded and before placing the motion before the Meeting, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may have to ask. (Applause.)

SECONDERS SPEECH

Chief Manager's Unfortunate Accident

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Before formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, I feel sure it will be the wish of everyone present that I should express our sympathy with the Chief Manager upon his unfortunate accident, and to express our admiration for the manner in which he has, notwithstanding, carried out literally single-handed his onerous duties (Applause), and to wish a speedy mending of his right arm.

I am also equally certain that shareholders will join me in congratulating our chairman on the lucid and exceedingly interesting exposition of the Bank's affairs during the past year, and particularly with the masterly review of the political and economic condition of affairs in the East generally, and more especially in China.

"We Are Naturally Proud"

Not only do we here in Hong Kong look forward to this annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation to have presented to us the considered views of the Court of Directors, the Chief Manager, and branch managers of the institution, so also do the banking and commercial world generally, and I think it will be conceded no better review of the situation has even been presented than that which we have just now listened to.

I will not attempt to analyse the formidable figures that are disclosed in the statement of the affairs of the Bank, which clearly proves its strength and fully justifies its position in the front rank of the world's financial institutions to-day, of which fact, we, in Hong Kong, are naturally proud.

Congratulations

Whilst we note with regret the result of the year's working is somewhat less favourable than the preceding years this, however, can cause no surprise to those acquainted with conditions that have ruled in the principal fields of the Bank's operations during the past year, and we can well congratulate ourselves on receiving the same dividend as allocated for the past few years, and I would here, congratulate the Chief Manager, and all associated with him in the attainment of this very satisfactory state of affairs, bearing in mind the undoubted difficult and disappointing year just passed. (Applause.)

Much Needed Relief

We share with you the hope that during the present year there will be such a revival of trade as will justify the continuance of the same level of return to shareholders as is now recommended, and that the warning you now give "that without that revival, the high level of past years may not be possible" will be found to have been unnecessary.

Reference is made to the Chinese Maritime Customs returns of last year at over 82 million Haikwan Taels, being a rise of 13½ millions over the previous year. Although constituting a record and remarkable figure, these should not be exaggerated for the reasons you have given, furthermore, unless and until there is clear evidence that merchandise is moving into the interior markets of China it cannot be confidently asserted that a period of prosperity is immediately at hand, but, given a fair measure of political stability in China throughout the year, with continued industrial peace at home and in Europe generally, and the faithful carrying out of the new Customs tariff without the imposition of any further vexatious taxes on imports, the coming year should show a considerable improvement on past years, and bring a much needed relief to both Chinese and foreign merchant firms.

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Kowloon Sub-Agency

One of the most gratifying features of the speech is the pronouncement that the anti-British agitation of two or three years ago has practically vanished, and that a new spirit of friendliness is now making itself felt. I am inclined to say rather that the old spirit of friendliness is becoming more apparent. Whichever it be, we are in entire agreement that we are much indebted to H.M. Representative in Peking, and, as regards Canton and South China, to H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong.

We congratulate the Directors and Chief Manager on the opening of the new Kowloon Sub-Agency, which, I am sure will be of service to the ever-increasing population on the mainland. For my own part I am sufficiently optimistic of the future of Kowloon as to predict that before many years, it will be necessary to have our own premises.

Bonus to Staff

I am sure this meeting will confirm the action of the Directors in voting the bonus of 10 per cent. on the salaries of the staff. If the Bank's staff in all its branches are as hard worked as they are at Head Office they well deserve this recognition of good service.

I cannot do better than conclude my remarks by quoting from the address of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Reginald McKenna at the recent general meeting of the Midland Bank in London. His remarks, I think you will agree, are peculiarly appropriate to conditions obtaining in China at the present time:—

"Ten years have passed since the conclusion of the most recent and, we devoutly hope, the last, great war in the world's history. They have constituted a decade of grave difficulties involving problems of exceptional magnitude and complexity. Disappointments have been frequent and many setbacks have been suffered."

"Peace between nations and within nations is a primary condition to our welfare, and whatever the temporary state of trade, however slow we are in solving the financial and industrial problems which confront us we shall look forward with unshakable confidence to the time when the better relationships now established shall become the foundation of general and permanent well-being."

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. (Applause.)

Directors and Auditors
No question was asked and the

chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock proposed and Mr. K. S. Morrison seconded a motion that the appointments of Mr. J. A. Plummer, B. D. F. Beith and B. Lander Lewis be confirmed and that Mr. H. P. White, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. W. H. Bell be re-elected.—Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. H. Taggart proposed and Mr. E. L. Sim seconded a motion that Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. John Fleming be re-elected auditors.—Carried unanimously.

The chairman announced that dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

SECOND MEETING

Extraordinary Resolution Confirmed

Then followed the extraordinary meeting, the notice convening which was also read by the Chief Manager. The chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—As you have been informed by the notice which has just been read the business of this meeting is to receive a report of the extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank which was held here on Saturday, February 2, 1929, and to consider, and if thought fit, confirm the resolution passed at that meeting. At that meeting the resolution which has just been read to you was passed unanimously. I am now about to move that such resolution be confirmed and as soon as this has been seconded, I will, to the best of my ability, answer any questions put by shareholders.

The Resolution

I now move that the following resolution which was passed at the extraordinary meeting held on Saturday, February 2, 1929, be confirmed, namely:—

"That the Directors of The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a Print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation."

Mr. T. E. Pearce seconded. No question was asked and the chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman then said:—The Directors will at once proceed to take the necessary steps indicated in the resolution. That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

ELECTRIC CO.

Appointment of New Manager

Mr. J. Douglas Butcher, chief electrical engineer of the Singapore Harbour Board, who recently visited Hong Kong, has been appointed manager of the Hong Kong Electric Company, and will take up the duties of the appointment in the spring of next year, says the "Straits Times" of February 9. Mr. Butcher succeeds Mr. F. R. Marsh, who came to Hong Kong from Singapore in January, 1921, after having held the position of chief electrical engineer to the Singapore Harbour Board for eleven years.

Mr. Butcher goes on leave in April and returns from home to Hong Kong in November.

Mr. Marsh is leaving the East when Mr. Butcher takes over the Hong Kong appointment next year.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

Units in the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, China Station, have moved as follows:—

H.M.S. "Sepoy" arrived at Nanking on Friday from Shanghai.

H.M.S. "Seraph" left Nanking yesterday for Shanghai and Hong Kong.

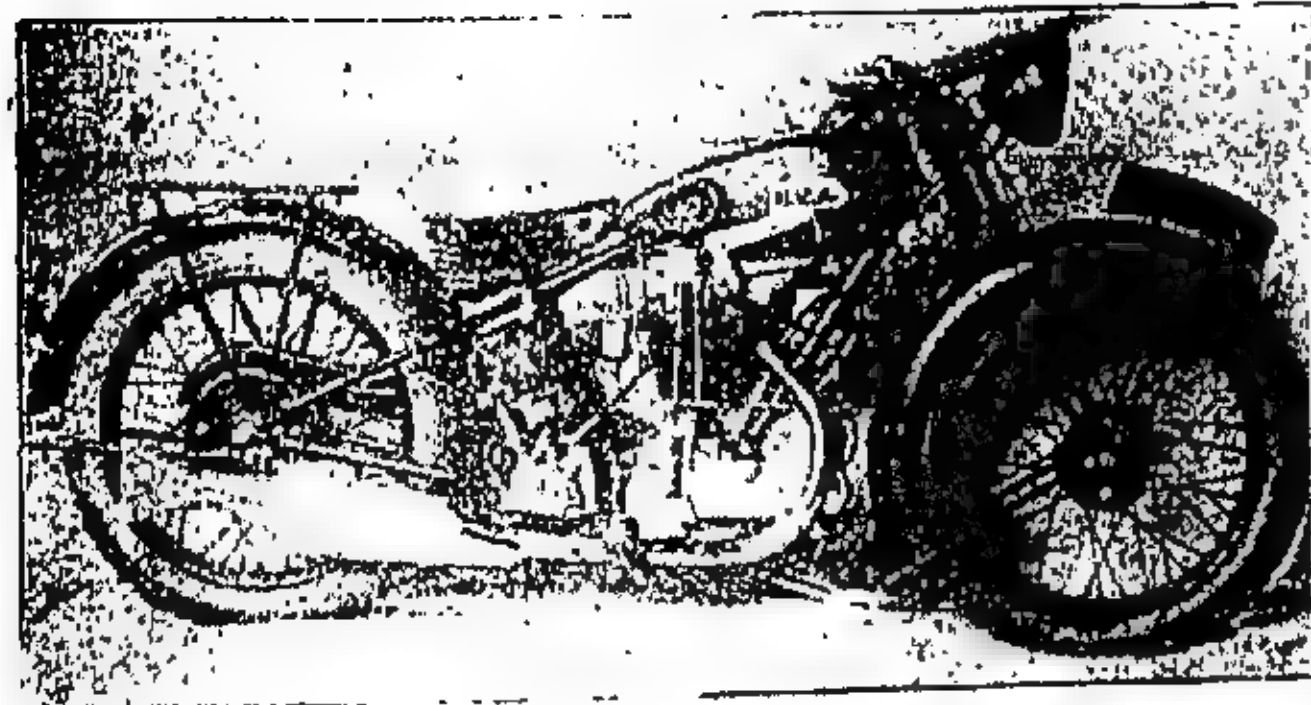
A combined Royal Naval and Army exercise will be held on March 5-7. This will involve burning searchlights at both entrances to the harbour and firing some rockets and Very's lights from Stonecutters Island, Pak-shawan (at Lyemun Pass) and the other defences of the Colony. The probable duration of the exercise each day is from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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NOTES FROM THE FACTORIES

[By "Super-Six"]

Every day of the year the General Motors Export Division has from 20 to 30 million dollars worth of automobiles and parts on the high seas.

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Segrave's Task

Major H. O. D. Segrave, who set a new world's straightaway record in March, 1927, only to see it shattered by a fellow countryman a year later, who in turn lost it to an American, was to arrive in the United States in the middle of February in an attempt to regain the record for himself and Great Britain. Major Segrave was to bring to the United States a new racing sensation—his Golden Arrow—and will try for the record some time in March, either on one of the Florida beaches or on the dry lakes of California.

New Assembly Plants

General Motors during 1928 established new assembly plants at Warsaw, Poland, and Bombay, India.

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Noisy Brakes

One of the newest recognised causes of noisy brakes is vibration. This occurs in a certain type of braking system if one of the four brakes is a little out of adjustment. Instead of easing up on the brakes when such trouble starts, the best rule is to step on the brakes vigorously. This helps to make the loose mechanism inside the drum hold and stop vibrating.

The A.A.A.

The English Automobile Association, or the "A.A.," as it is generally called, is easily the largest in the world. The membership now totals 378,846, while entrance fees and subscriptions last year reached the huge total of £689,820. This organisation accomplishes an immense amount of good work for the benefit of motorists, and anyone who has travelled on roads throughout Great Britain keenly appreciates and marvels at the wonderful system of patrol work and service extended to road users. The thoroughness of the enterprise and its ramifications eats up nearly all the huge income—the surplus over the cost of last year's operations leaving a balance of only £5,670.

Screen Wipers

Occasionally suction windshield wipers are afflicted with leakage, with the result that the driver will hear an annoying hissing sound when he accelerates the engine. When this happens he's puzzled because he knows that if he disconnects the rubber tubing the hissing will be worse. Here is where a temporary remedy is in order, no matter how makeshift it may be. With a piece of string tie a loop in the rubber hose; this will serve as a valve to stop suction at this point. Another plan is to disconnect the rubber tubing and plug the end of the copper tubing with a piece of chewing gum. It is also permissible to pinch the end of the copper tubing with the pliers. This may shorten the tube a little, since the pinched part may have

to be cut off when the wiper is repaired, but a slightly longer rubber connection will cover this.

Buses v. Railways

The State Railways in Java are suffering considerably from acute competition from hundreds of motor bus owners. A committee of railway officials are discussing ways and means of coping with this competition, and it is understood that they will endeavour to effect a reduction in railway fares and provide for greater elasticity in the time tables.

Light Cars

To introduce into Australia a British light car designed for use in the Dominions Mr. Cecil Jeater, a director of Citroën Cars (England), Ltd., reached Fremantle on January 16 by the liner "Mooltan." He said that British manufacturers had recognised the possibilities of the light car markets in the Dominions and the new models produced in Britain were designed so as to be acceptable to Dominion buyers.

Racing Worth While

A comparatively small number of Italian drivers netted about £4,500 in prize money during 1928.

Churchill's Decision?

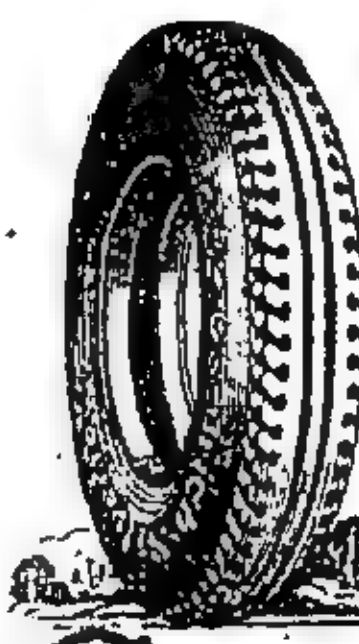
The "Daily Mail" of February 6, announces that Mr. Churchill is considering cutting the car tax by half and increasing the petrol duty.

A Buick Triumph

Driving a stock model Buick touring car, Knud Danielson, of Copenhagen, won the Madrid to Copenhagen endurance run with a record of 45 hours driving time for the 2,700 kilometres. He drove the entire distance without relief. The time made was 39 hours less than the time required to make the trip by train. The run was under the joint sponsorship of the Royal Danish Automobile Club, of Copenhagen, and the Real Automovil Club de Espana, of Madrid. Each participant was permitted to select his own route from Madrid to Copenhagen. All of them were required to rest six hours in Paris before resuming their tours to Copenhagen. Eight out of eleven cars registered for the tour made the start. A stock model Chevrolet Coach finished fifth. Danielson held the lead from the start, and was followed closely by the Chevrolet through Spain, and later was pressed for the lead by Prince Rene de Bourbon in a Talbot car, who followed him into Copenhagen. Danielson completed the run four hours ahead of the field.

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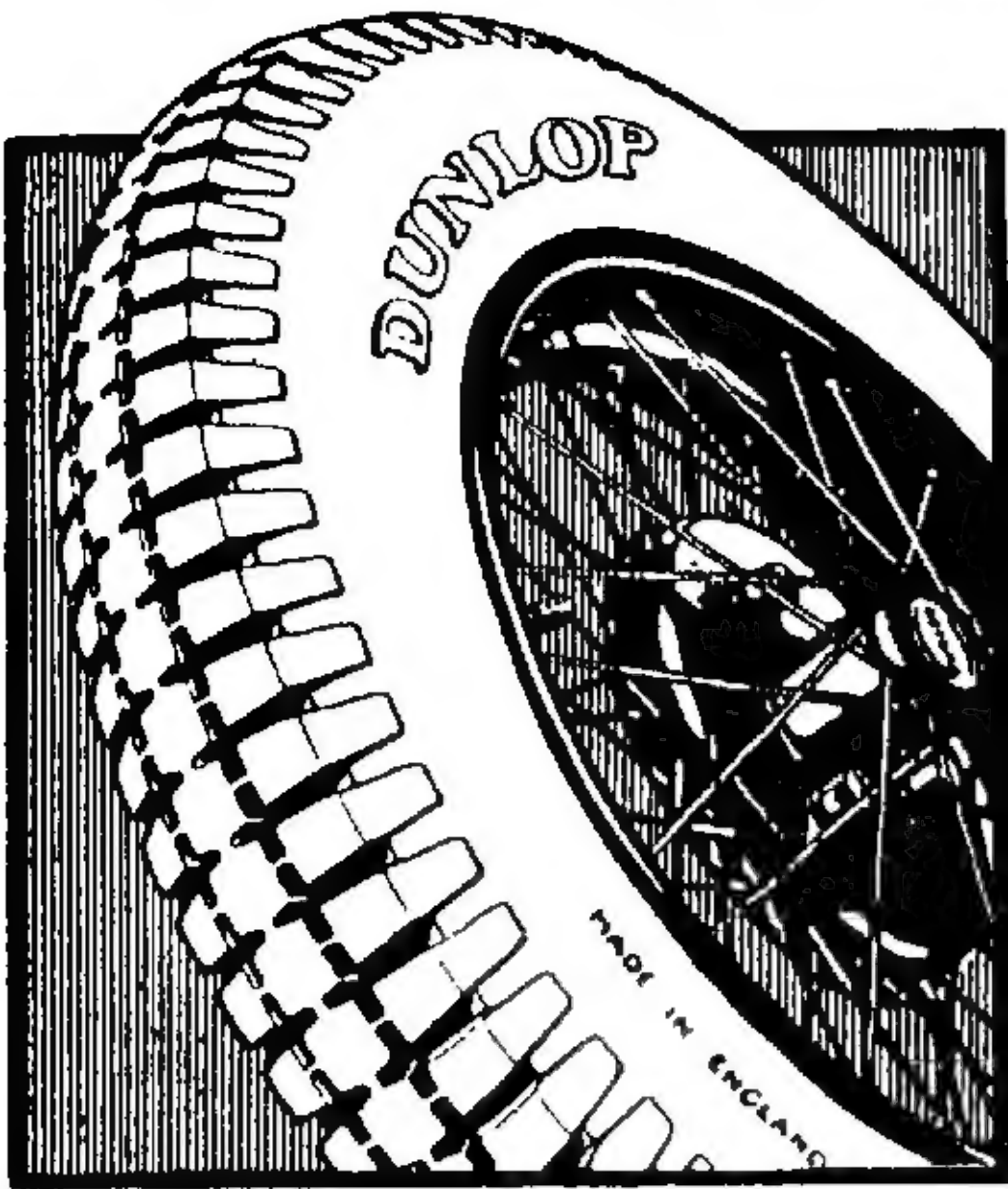
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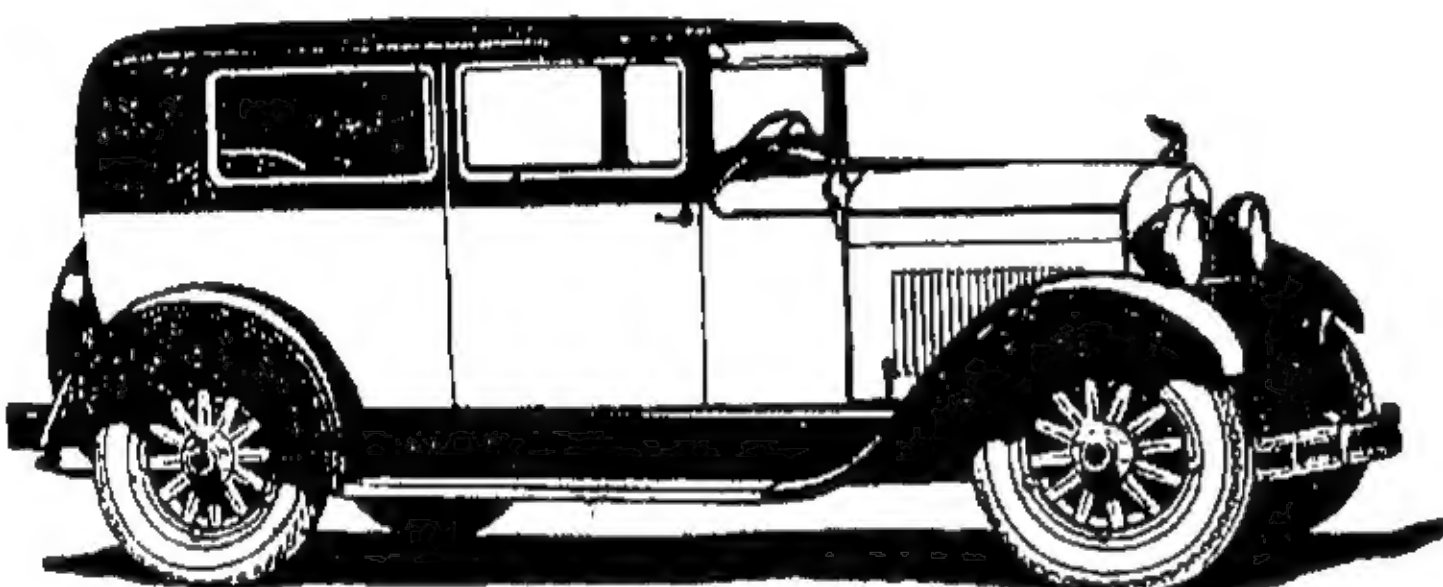
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Santa Monica, Cal.—Above, Lou Moore, the race driver, who finished second in the 1927 Indianapolis Race, with his "White Rocket"—a rebuilt speed car equipped with rocket chambers. Moore is supervising the experiments with America's first rocket car. Below, Moore in his car off in a cloud of smoke on its first test.

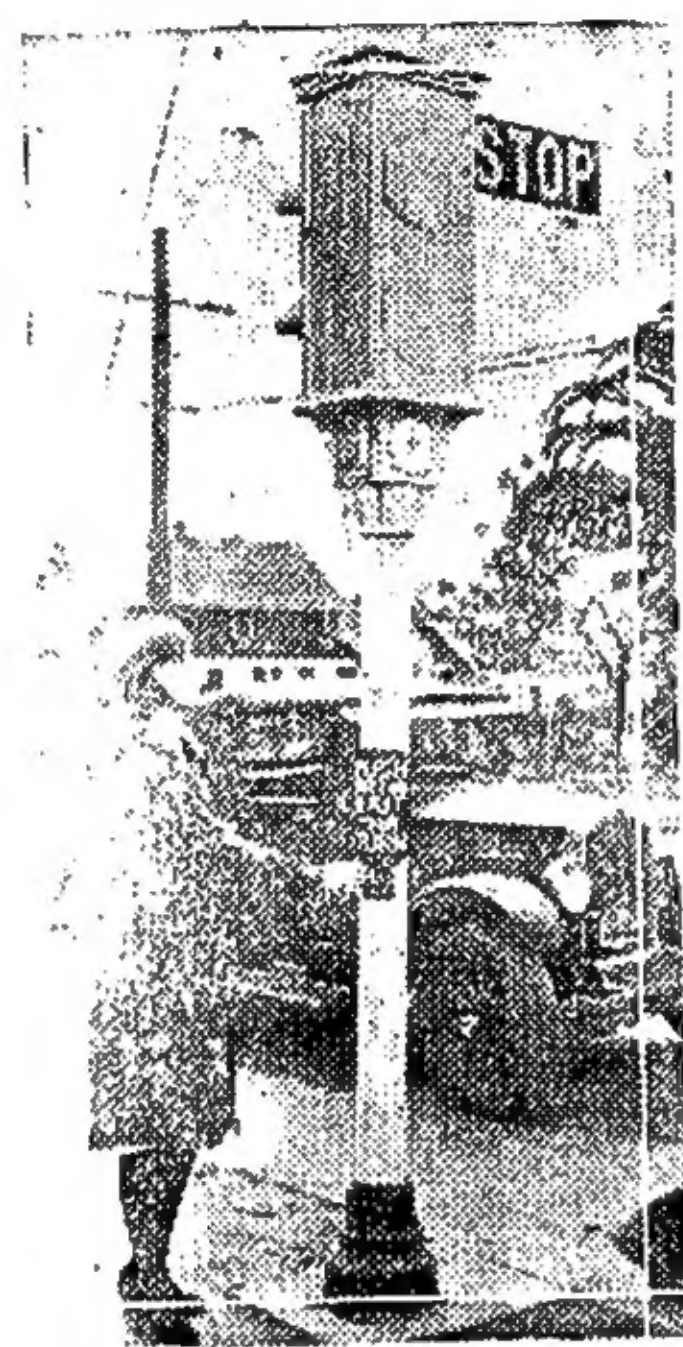
DETACHABLE TYRE

An Invention And Its History

Thirty-six years ago, people in France first saw pneumatic tyres on bicycles. They were but rubber tubes filled with air, and were not detachable, but fixed to the rim by strips of canvas binding. The new tyres punctured easily and frequently. In order to repair them one had to glue the strips on, one by one, and then sew them in certain places. In those days, the cyclist had to know how to ply a needle.

One afternoon in 1893, a cyclist, perched on a wagon drawn by oxen, entered the Michelin works. The tyres of his machine were punctured and he hoped that Michelin would be able to repair them. It took three hours to refix the tyres on to the rims and the drying took the entire night. The next day the brothers Michelin tried the machine, and were enthusiastic over the comfort of the pneumatic tyres. "Here is the future," they thought, but a fresh puncture made them realise the weak point of the tyres. They

"Cop" Not Needed



Los Angeles, California.—A girl pushing the button on a new traffic signal tower. The "stop" signal stays up for 15 seconds enough time in which to cross the street and then the "go" signal allows the traffic to proceed. After a lapse of 25 seconds, another pedestrian may press the button for the "stop" signal again.

saw immediately that the pneumatic tyre would only succeed when it could be repaired and refitted in a few minutes.

Fixed by 17 Bolts

After three months of experimenting, Michelin brought out the first detachable tyre. It was fixed to the rim by 17 bolts, and although it took a quarter of an hour to change, it meant, nevertheless, a great advance. The new kind of pneumatic tyre proved its worth in the first big cycling race, organised in 1891. It enabled a practically unknown rider to finish first, eight hours before the second who was a celebrated racer. The winner had covered 755 miles in 71½ hours without once dismounting from his machine. To keep him awake, his trainers rode beside him in relays ringing large hand bells in his ears.

Three months later, continued improvements made it possible to change a tyre in two minutes, and a puncture ceased to be a catastrophe and became a trivial matter. In order to convince the public, Michelin organised a race from Paris to Clermont-Ferrand. Secretly, however, they strewed the route with nails, and the 244 punctures which resulted gave no trouble to repair.

The terrors of the puncture had been conquered, and the last opponents of the pneumatic tyre were disarmed!

In 1894, the motor car was still in an experimental stage. It was shod with solid tyres, and as it rattled along the highway, parts of the car were continually breaking.

Always with an eye to progress, Michelin said to their shareholders: "We are beginning to make profits with the cycle tyre; instead of distributing them, let us make a pneumatic tyre for the motor car. The pneumatic tyre has made cycling possible; in the same way it will ensure the future of the motor car."

Michelin owned a car of 4 h.p. called "Lightning," not because of its speed but on account of natural inclination to take a zigzag course. In 1895, after a martyrdom of strenuous experiments, they succeeded in fitting pneumatic tyres of 65 mm. section to this car.

About that time a great race for motor cars over 750 miles had been organised, but no car maker would risk fitting the new tyre.

"What do you put in your tubes, cotton or hay?" asked one of them. It was necessary to deflate and re-inflate the tyre in front of him,

CARE OF TYRES

How Many Are Wasted Every Year

Mr. L. Swaab writes in "Bedryfsaants" (Holland):—

Very often I have stated, verbally and in writing, that the operation of motor transport is not done in an economic way. Fixing of the costs of transportation is so unsatisfactory that they cannot be figured properly on a sound basis. Very little care is taken of the vehicles and unsatisfactory checking of wear and tear causes the costs of mechanical transportation to be higher than necessary.

Therefore, very large sums are wasted yearly, no doubt running into millions of guilders. The only way to get improved operating conditions at less expense is to keep on hammering at the same block, suggest better means of operating motor vehicles and continue doing so.

Anyone who owns and operates motor vehicles, etc., for business purposes will profit if they will follow the good advice of "those who know" and so find the result in their own pockets.

A previous article in this magazine stated that the tyres now used in Holland would produce 50 per cent. better results if they would always be of the right size and inflated to the proper air pressure. The editor of that article actually believes that two million guilders are wasted yearly by lack of proper treatment of tyres.

Experiments which I have made myself in connection with this subject prove to be of great interest. The conclusions surpass even the most pessimistic expectations.

Of the twenty-three motor vehicles we checked, there were only four that were not more heavily loaded than the tyre size permitted. Therefore, 83 per cent. were overloaded. In percentages from 10 per cent. to 110 per cent. The average overloading for the front tyres was 60 per cent. and for the rear tyres 33 per cent.

Now, regarding the air pressure of the tyres, they seemed to be entirely too low. We found that only one vehicle had properly inflated tyres. The other twenty-two (or 96 per cent. of the vehicles inspected) had their tyres under-inflated. The lack of air pressure ranged from 8 to 62 per cent. The average deficiency of air pressure for front tyres was 33 per cent. and rear tyres 25 per cent.

It was no surprise to find that nearly all the tyres showed defects. The side of the tyres showed rapid wear and the middle of the tyres comparatively little. As all the proven faults in operating tyres shorten their usefulness considerably, we can understand that in consequence, many tyres wear out prematurely and the motor car owner must put his hand in his pocket again for new tyres.

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Keep checking the air pressure of your tyres, and it will pay you over and over again as your tyres will last much longer.

before he would believe that it was filled with air.

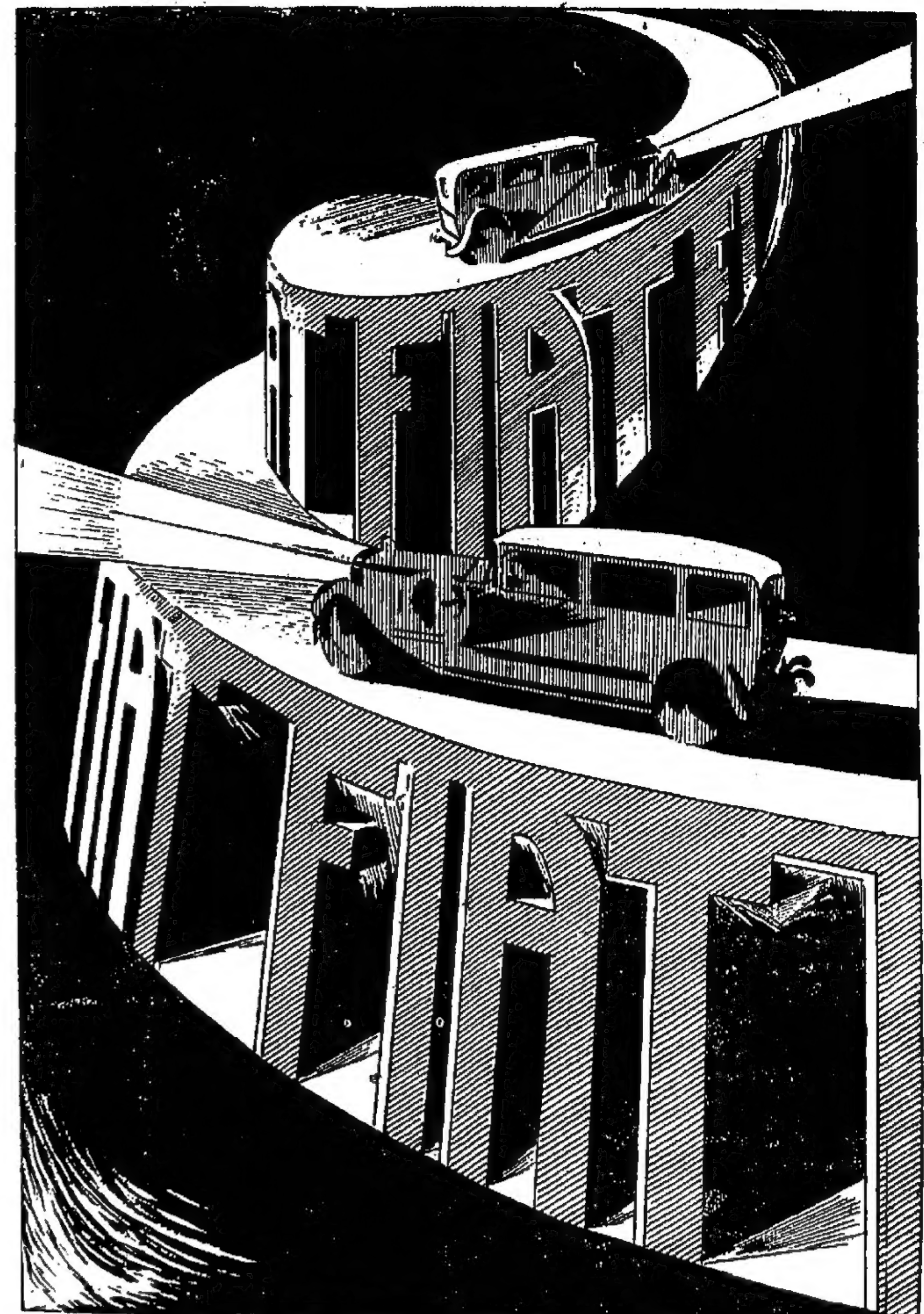
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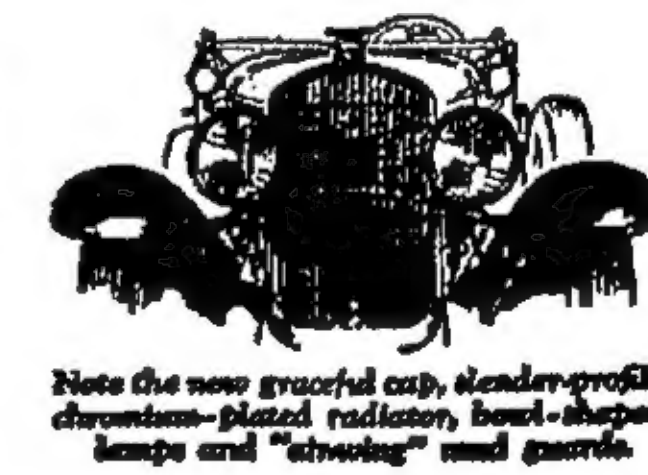
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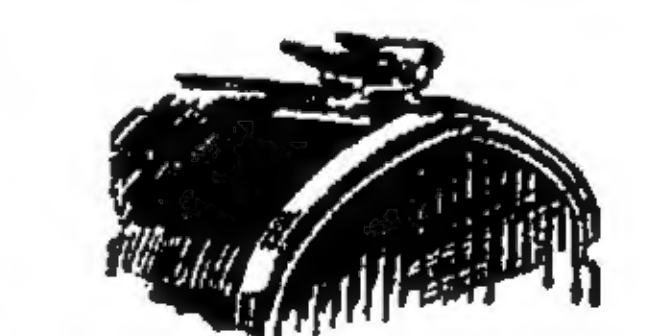
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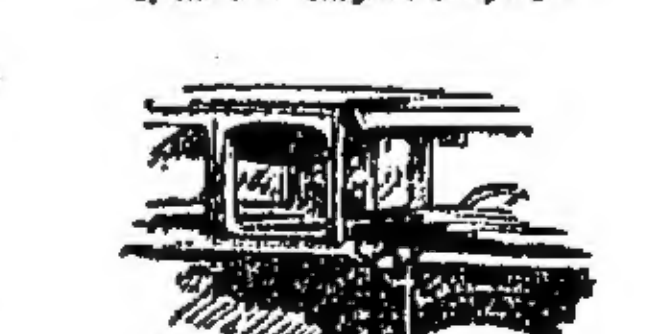
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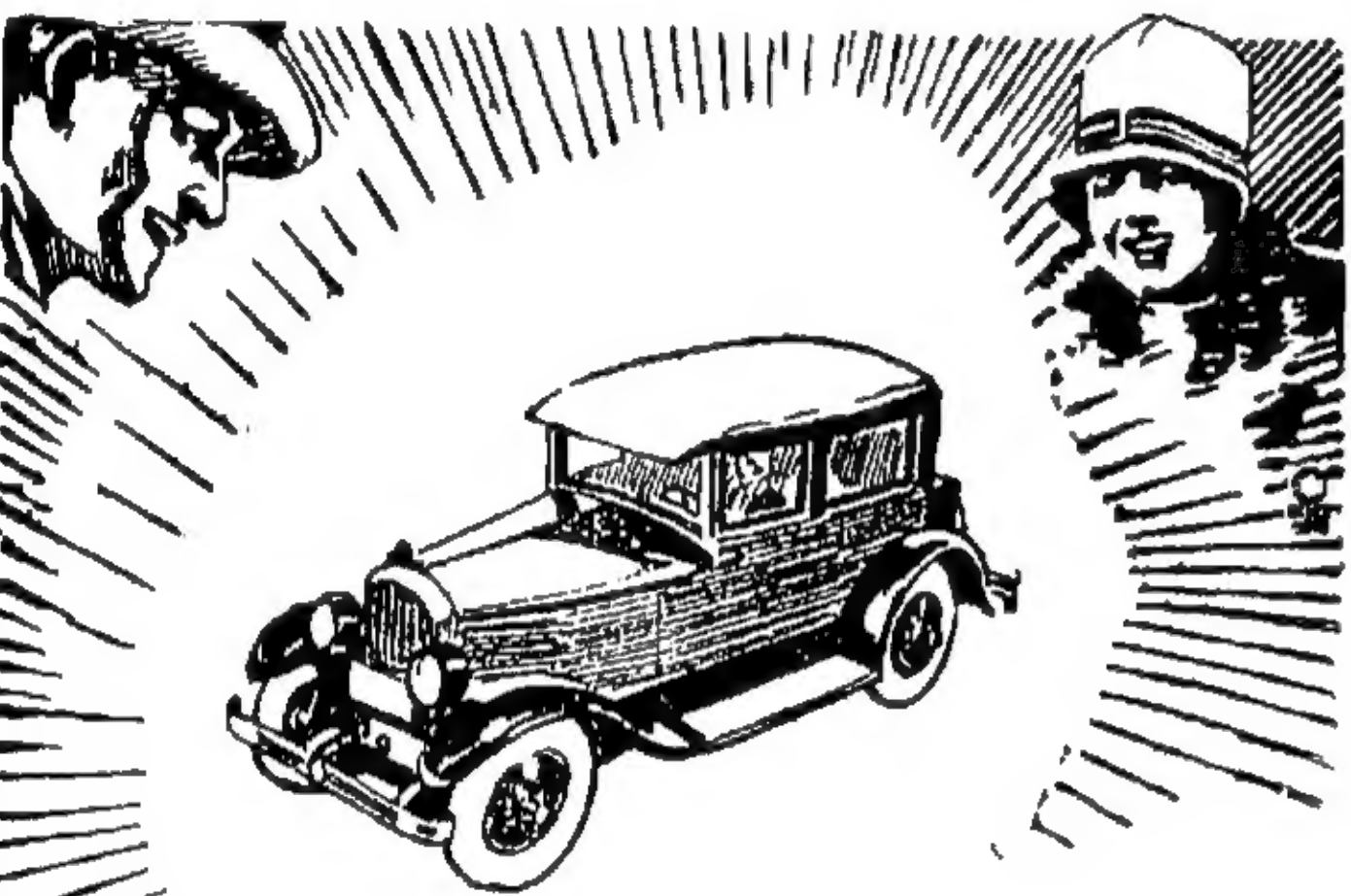
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CARS PER MILE

Some Interesting Comparisons

In a recent compilation by the American Automobile Association it was found that there are now 4.81 motor vehicles in use for every mile of highway throughout the world. The United States has seven motor vehicles for every mile of its improved and unimproved roads. France has 2.6 vehicles per mile, Germany 6.8 and Great Britain 10.4. The general average for all of Europe is 20.7 cars per mile of road. However, the high average of cars per mile of road in Europe does not indicate a great ownership of motor vehicles, but a comparative paucity of roads. The total road mileage in the world is 6,582,001, of which the United States possesses nearly half. Of the total of 31,000,000 motor vehicles in service throughout the world, America has more than 23,000,000.

IMPROVING TYRE MILEAGE

In discussing the treatment of pneumatic tyres "The Commercial Motor" says:—Foremost comes the necessity of accurate wheel alignment. This is tremendously important and its test and correction are so simple and easy—many tyre service stations will do the work for nothing—that it is now realized to be folly to overlook it. The question of brake maintenance comes next. Slaty and irregular use of brakes cause excessive tyre wear, and brakes which overheat as the result of being too closely adjusted cause disintegration of tyres through that heat. Tyres which are under-inflated get hot and depreciate rapidly from that cause. Finally, there is that very prevalent tendency to overload commercial vehicles which, if persisted in, has the same effect upon the tyre as regular under-inflation. All these points, as we have stated, have been brought home to users in one way or another. It is by attention to them, as well as by improved tyre construction, that the remarkable mileages now so common with giant pneumatic tyres are achieved.

TRANSPORT GAINS

Plans of World Groups

Recognizing that highway transport is international in scope and in order that the United States may be properly represented at meetings held at frequent intervals in Europe, particularly those of the International Association of Automobile Manufacturers, Mr. Alvan Macauley, President of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, has appointed a European travelling representative in the person of Mr. John V. Lawrence.

"When I attended a meeting of European manufacturers during the Paris Show, the hope was expressed that we would have representatives at the frequent meetings held for the advancement of highway transportation," said Mr. Macauley.

"We are now co-operating with members of the automobile industry in Britain, France, Italy and Germany and other Continental countries in general activities to broaden motor transportation and it is deemed important to have a man in Europe to help in this kind of work."

"We now hold membership in the International Association of Auto-

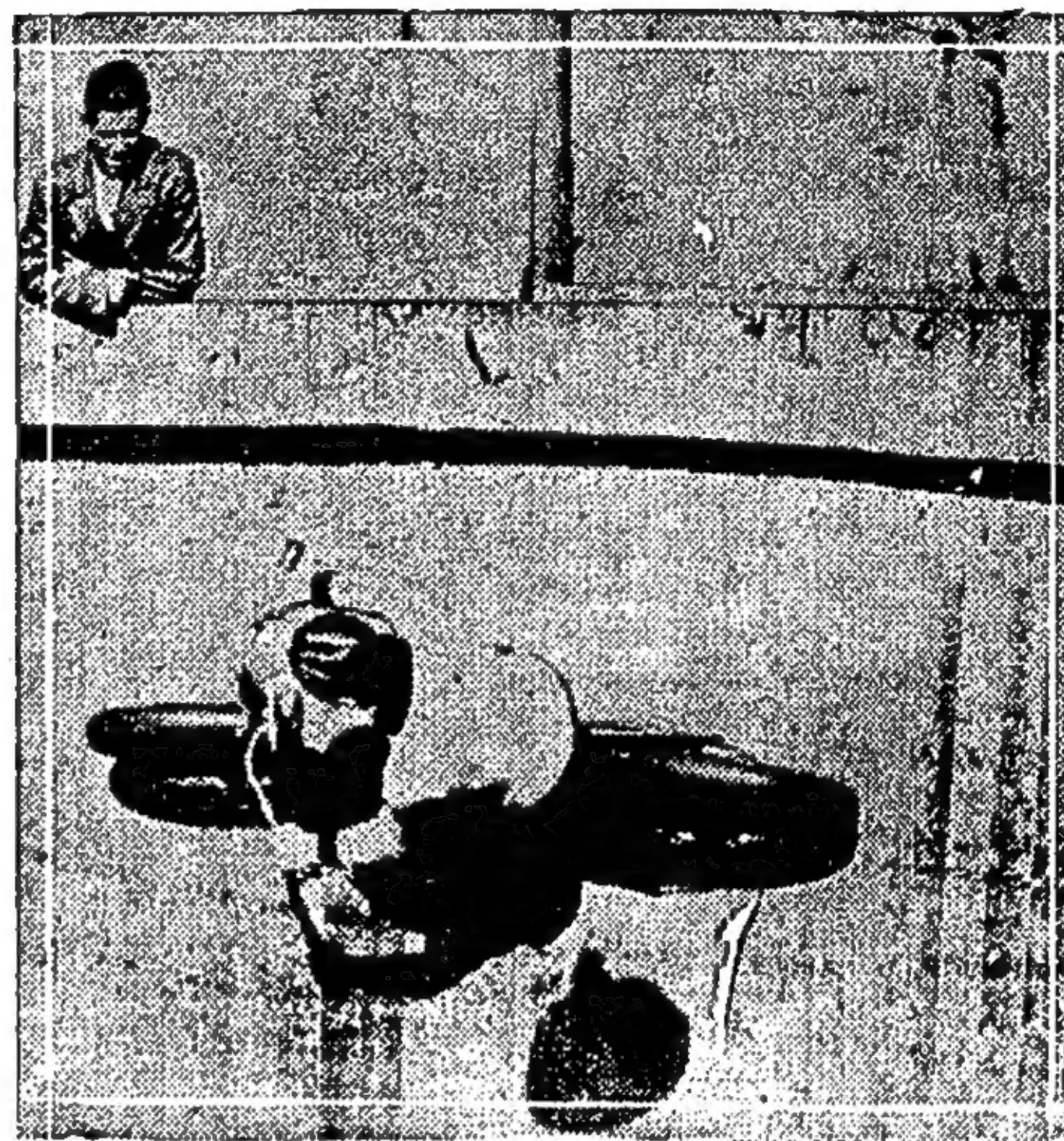
CAR CLUBS

Popularity in Australia

When men and women band themselves together because of ownership in a certain make of car, it is obvious that they are not only satisfied but enthusiastic in the possession of their particular machine. In various parts of the world, but more particularly in Australia, Fiat car clubs have been formed, with, as the essential condition of membership, ownership of a Fiat car.

One of the most progressive of these clubs is to be found at Sydney, Australia. There is another in New South Wales, and a third has just been formed at Perth, Western Australia. These associations organize, from time to time, social and sports meetings, excursions and outings, for the amusement and instruction of themselves and their relatives and friends. A fraternal spirit is cultivated, and the members feel that wherever they may be travelling, and whatever difficulties they may encounter on the road, they are never alone but always have at their disposal the help and assistance of other owners of Fiat cars.

Climbing The "Wall of Death"



Natal, South Africa.—Where a slip means certain death. The motorcycle track is constructed with sides vertical so that a tremendous speed must be attained to prevent a rider from slipping. The black line is the limit beyond which danger lurks.

mobile Manufacturers, International Chamber of Commerce and groups of a similar character which hold frequent meetings or organize World Motor Transport Congresses like those in London and Rome recently.

"Maintaining a representative in Europe will permit attendance at such gatherings and advance the co-operation with European automotive bodies that are being called upon to solve many increasing problems incident to travel on the highways."

Mr. Lawrence has been actively engaged for several years with the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in work that fits him for these duties. He has travelled extensively in Central and South America, is a linguist, and has many friends in automotive enterprises and organizations in other countries. He has been meeting with a large number of visitors from Europe during the New York Automobile Show.

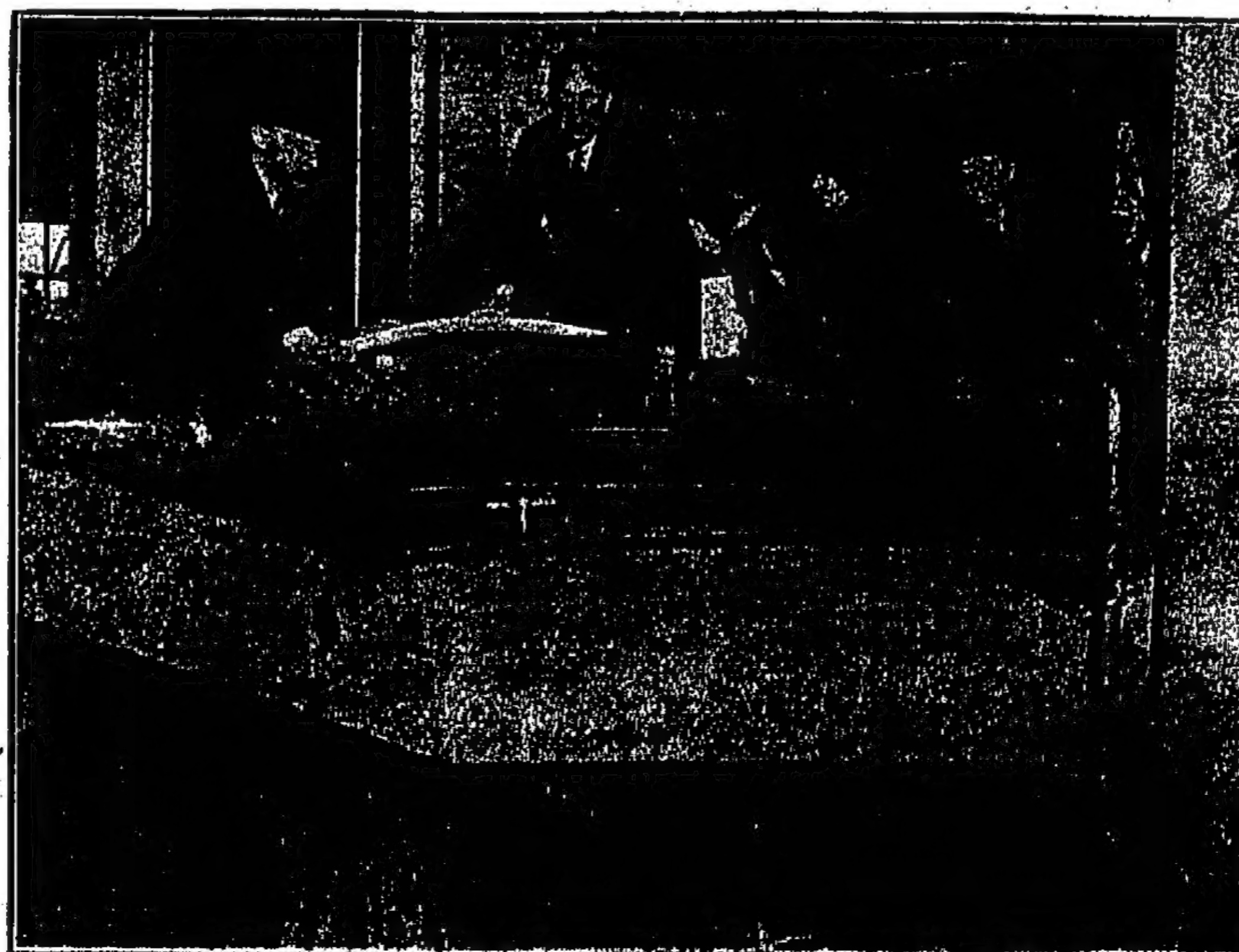
Mr. Lawrence will leave New York in time to attend the meetings of the International Association of Automobile Manufacturers and the Highway Transport Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris during this month. The Chairman of that Committee,

which comprises leaders in various countries, is Mr. Roy D. Chaplin, who is also Chairman of the Automobile Chamber's Highway Committee.

IS THE ROAD SLIPPERY?

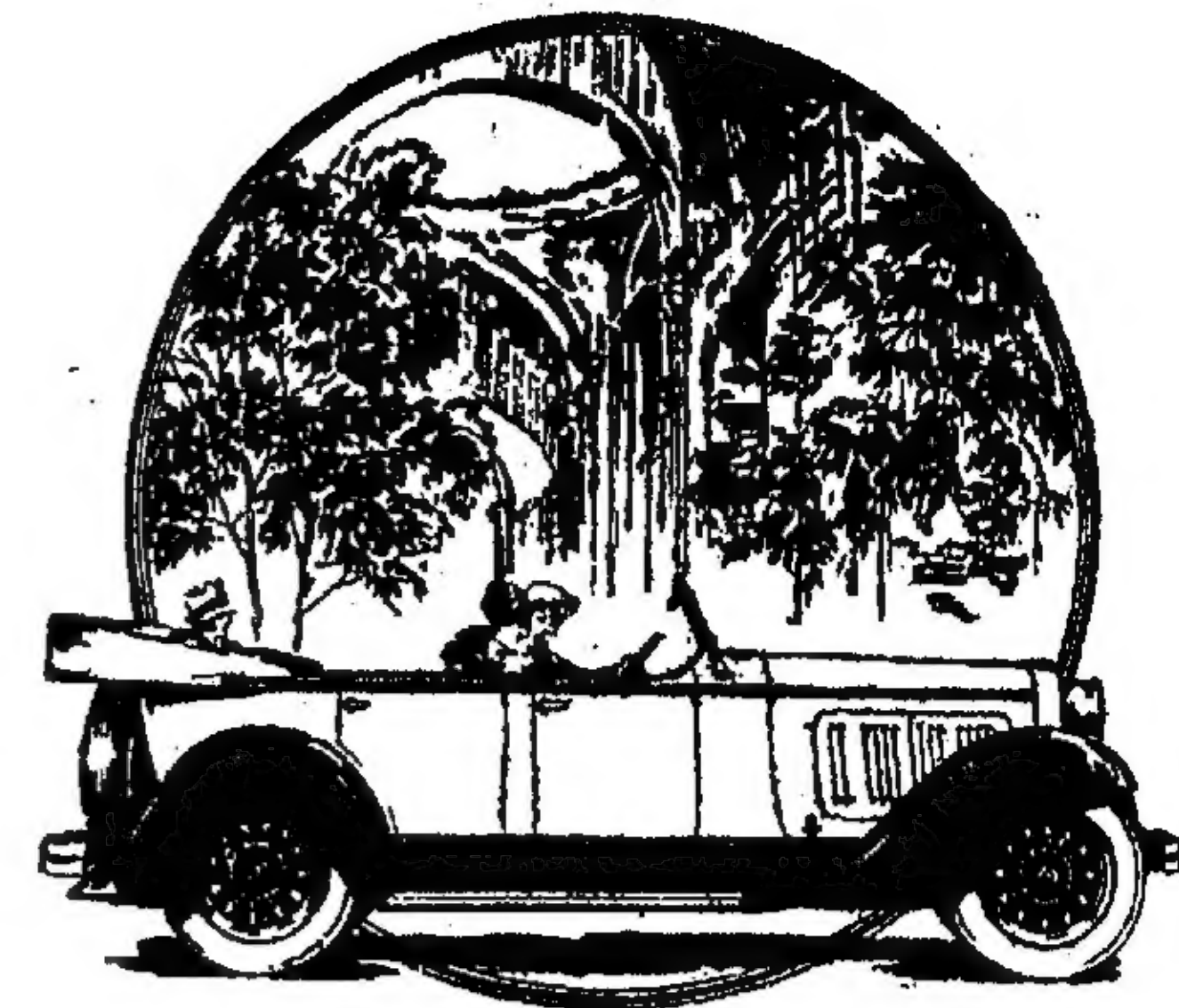
Writing in "The Light Car and 'Cyclcar,'" "Focus" says: Motorists sometimes ask me how, when they are driving along, they can discover whether the roads are slippery or not and so make up their minds whether it is safe to speed up a little. Those of us whose motoring experience goes back some years rarely find ourselves faced with such a problem because, even if the appearance of the road is not a sufficient guide to its slipperiness or otherwise, a twitch at the steering wheel, without reducing speed, will tell us all that we need to know about it.

The only more definite tests of the state of a road surface which I can suggest are slowing down to about 10 m.p.h. and then applying the hand brake hard with a view to ascertaining how readily the wheels are locked or, alternatively, slowing to a crawl and then accelerating violently in first gear to see if the wheels can be made to spin.



MAJOR SEGRAVE TO ATTEMPT WORLD'S SPEED RECORDS ON LAND AND WATER.—He sailed for America on Jan. 30, taking with him his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records for England. Both car and boat were on show in London. Major Segrave (left) is seen explaining some points of his motor boat to Sir Seton Branker. The new boat is 26 ft. in length with a beam of 7 ft. 6 ins., weighs less than 1½ tons with two passengers and is expected to attain a speed of 100 m.p.h.—(Sport and General).

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Lorry	2,312 "	226	37	42	295
Standard Van	3,136 "	236	27	62	325
Van De Luxe	3,136 "	250	27	63	340
Tipping Lorry	3,248 "	240	27	43	310

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Chassis	2,576 lbs.	£228	£24	£28	£270
Standard Truck	3,204 "	270	12	43	325
Standard Van	3,382 "	288	12	65	365

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MOTOR TAXATION

American System Explained

Certain countries of Europe are planning to send commissions of business men to the United States of America to study the American plan of motor vehicular taxation. In the United States there is the accepted idea that it is profitable to the nation at large and to the individual car owner, to make it easy for men and women in all walks of life to own automobiles. In other words, taxes on automobiles are purposefully kept low because of the innumerable economic benefits to be derived from the common use of motor vehicles.

It is also argued in the United States that money obtained from motorists by taxation should be spent on the building of new highways, the improvement of existing roads, the construction of new bridges and the maintenance of present ones, the building of overhead and underneath motor passes—in brief, the money should be spent in such a way as to benefit the motorist. It is not fair to tax motorists to maintain educational systems or institutions. Money for such worthy purposes should be raised in some other way.

These commissions of Europeans are going to learn in America that the country's pre-

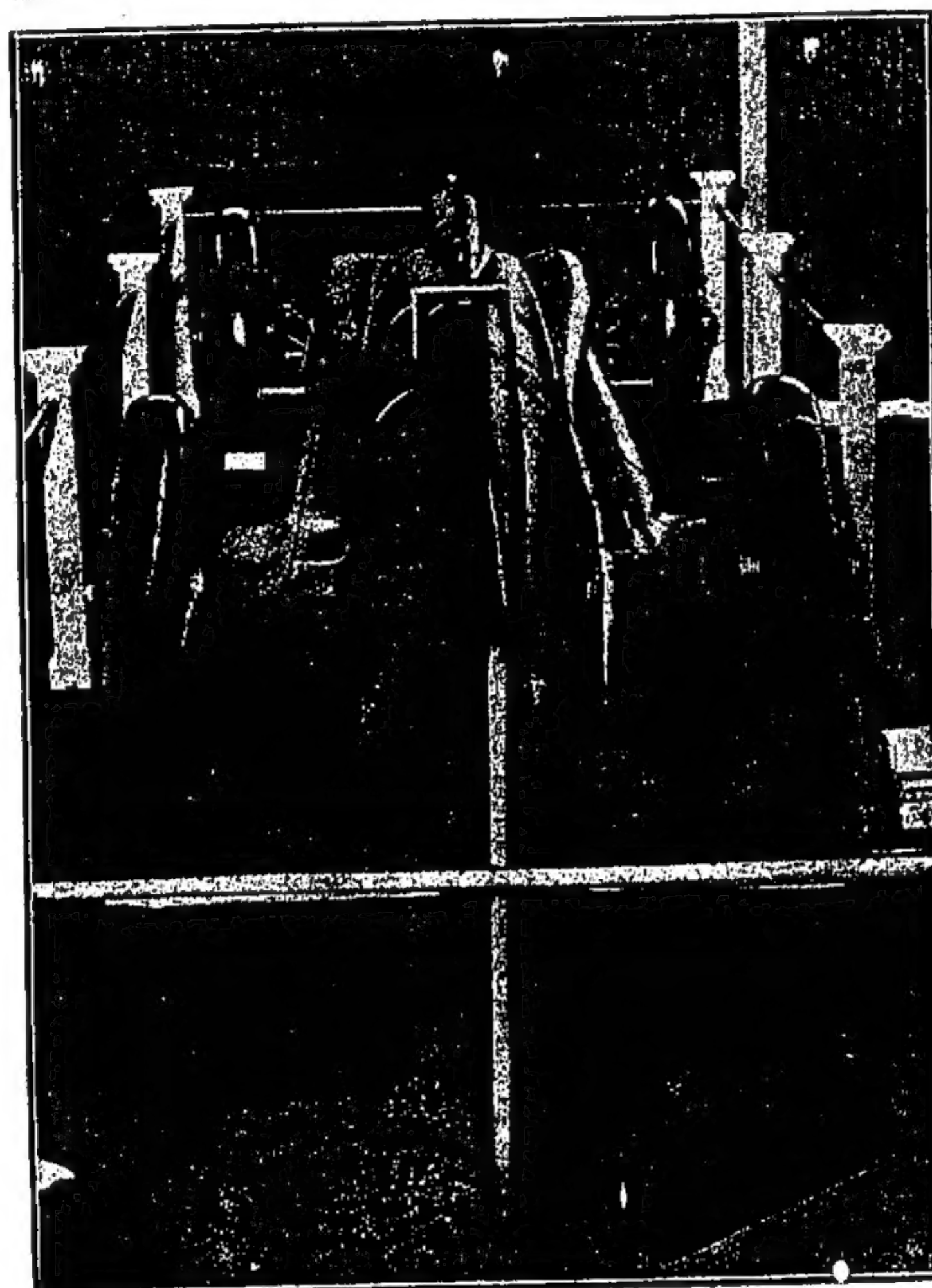
DRIVING HABITS

Influence on Road Building

At first thought it might not seem that the habits in driving of the average motorist would exert any particular influence on the science of road building. However, engineers of the United States Bureau of Public Roads have been working for a year on a survey of the driving habits of most American car owners, and as a result of their observations they find that a twenty-foot road is the narrowest right of way that is safe under modern conditions.

Most motorists have an instinctive aversion to the edge of the pavement. They drive habitually from one and a half to four and a half feet from the edge of the paved road. They are willing to lessen the distance between their own vehicle and the one coming in the opposite direction rather than get nearer the edge, which holds terror for them. With a twenty-foot road there is sufficient space to make two lines of traffic safe, even allowing for big trucks, but, if the width of pavement is cut down to eighteen feet, the safety is reduced to a dangerous degree.

Obviously this does not mean that twenty feet is the ideal road width. On main travelled



THE "GOLDEN ARROW."—Major H. O. D. Segrave has taken to America his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records. A special feature of the car is the "gunsights" which can be plainly seen in photo and which will be used to facilitate the steering.—(Sport and General).

sent economic good health is in part due to the contribution of the automobile. The automobile has made possible a great decentralization of urban life and a great building up of suburban and rural life with its consequent influence upon real estate values.

An important contribution of the motor truck is the extent to which retail merchants and farmers have been able to widen their markets.

The United States will welcome these commissions and it is hoped they will return to their homes determined to take steps to encourage the use of motor vehicles. The country which improves its means of transportation progresses economically and after all an automobile or a motor truck is simply transportation.

roads twenty feet is far too narrow and slows down traffic to a point where it often reaches the stage of stagnation. Forty feet is the narrowest pavement surface that should be permitted on roads that carry heavy traffic. The forty-foot road will carry four lines of traffic during rush periods and will permit passing in safety at other times.

LABOUR BENEFITS

Distribution of Road Costs

One of the problems that assail nations is that of unemployment. It sometimes happens that the country as a whole is in reasonably good health, with money fairly plentiful, and yet there is a floating population which is not able to share in the general prosperity. In no other way in which public money can be spent does labour benefit to the same extent as it does from road building. The Iowa State Highway Commission recently issued a bulletin, based on a survey and showing that labour receives 52 per cent. of all money spent on road building.

The Iowa road authorities found that it cost their State an average of \$28,184 to build a mile of hard-surfaced highway. On this amount \$15,706 goes to labour. The rest of the cost is distributed as follows: Stone, \$3,441; cement, \$5,858; reinforcing steel, \$850; freight, \$5,520; grading, \$2,000, and miscellaneous items, including profits, \$8,517.

The answer would seem to be that when unemployment bothers a nation the best thing it can do is to plunge into road building.

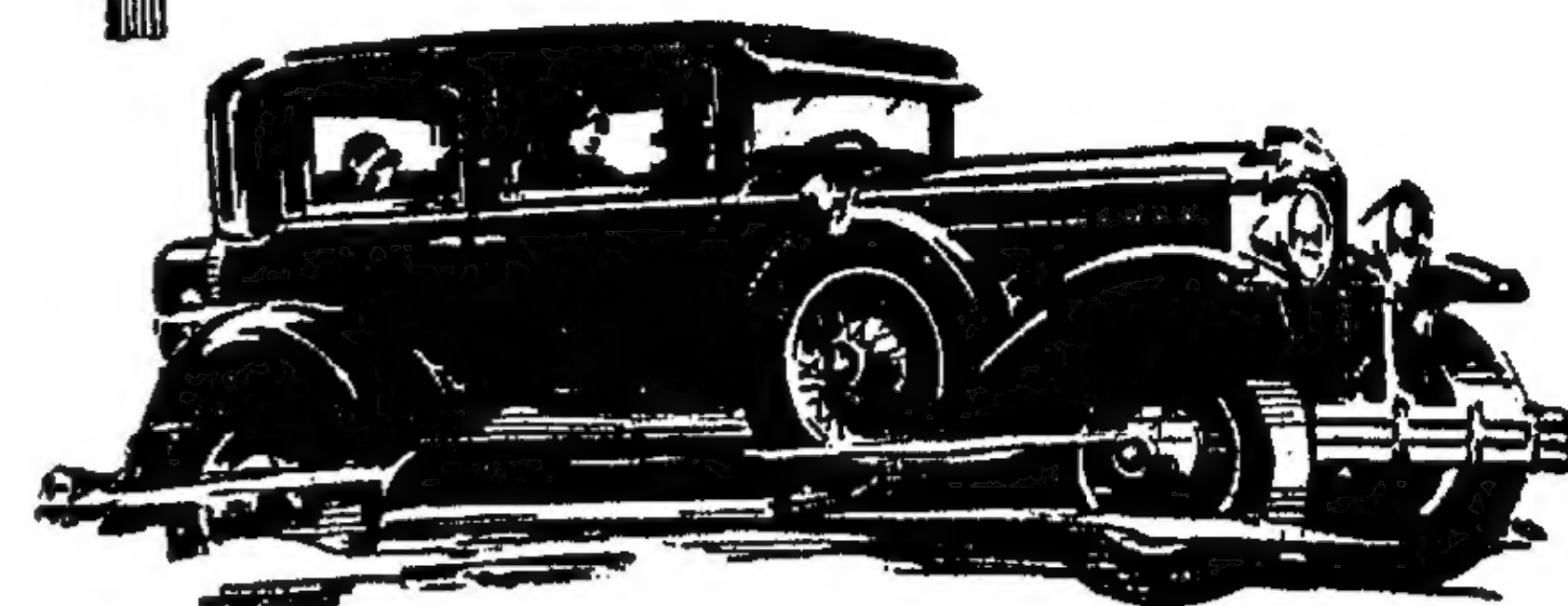
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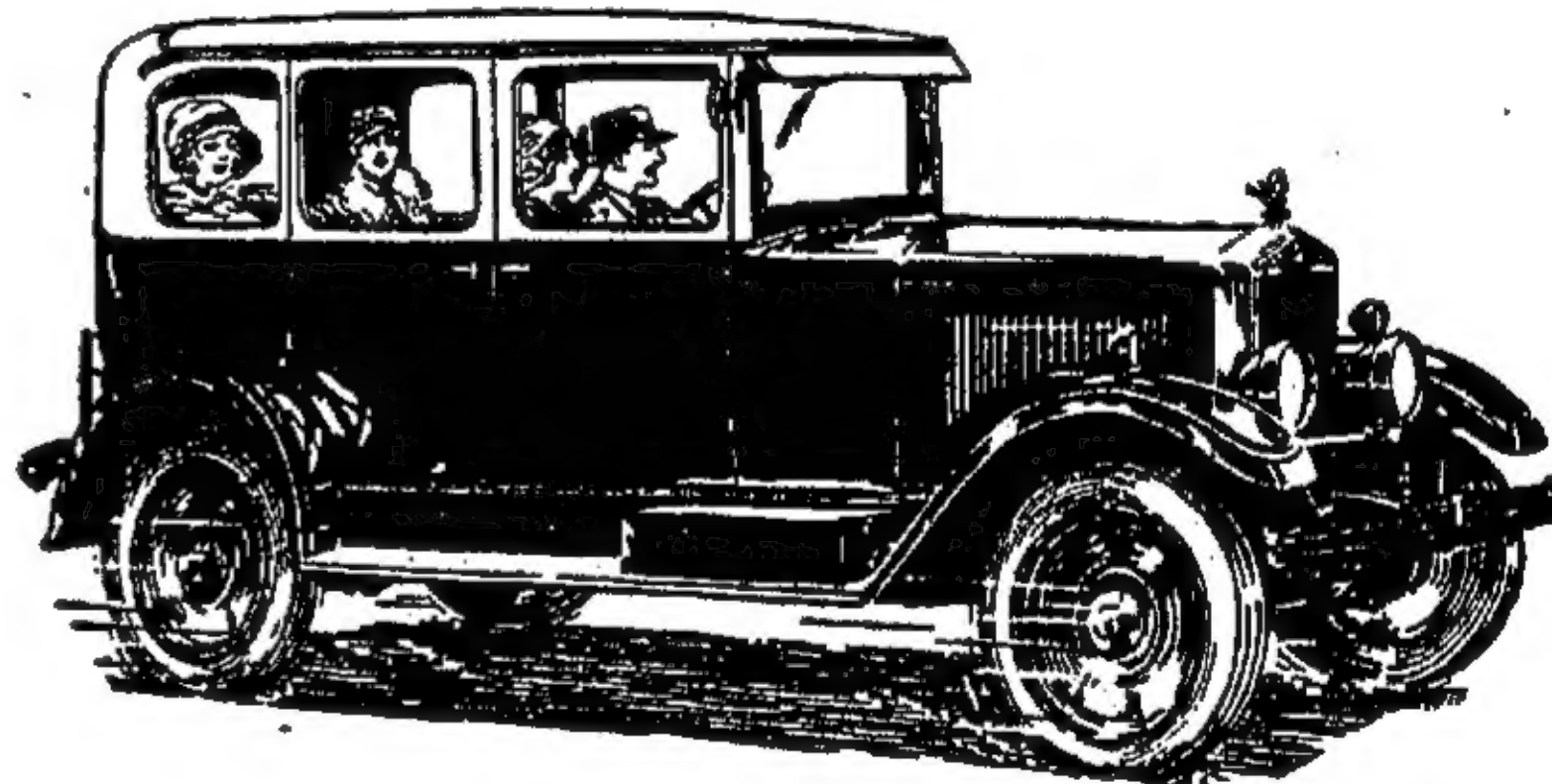
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TOKYO CRISIS

Upper House Action
Causes Anxiety

EXCHANGE WEAK

The Premier Urged To
Resign

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A telegram from Osaka says the passage of the resolution of the Upper House is regarded in financial circles here with the gravest concern and business firms are closely watching the next move of Baron Tanaka.

The "Asahi" and "Mainichi" are urging the immediate resignation of the Cabinet.

The Osaka Stock Exchange shows general weakness.

Effect on China

Tokyo, Yesterday.
With the exception of the Jiji, which regrets that the Peers made a political issue of such a question, the vernacular newspapers unanimously applaud their action in passing yesterday's resolution.

Whilst admitting that the proposition emphasised that the resolution would be regarded as a warning and not an impeachment, the vernacular papers assert that the Cabinet should recognise its underlying significance and either dissolve the Diet and appeal to the country or resign.

Official quarters seem mainly concerned lest the passage of the resolution will result in stiffening Nanking's attitude in the belief that the Government's days are numbered. Reuter.

Severe Defeat

Tokyo, Friday.
The Cabinet received a damaging but not necessarily a mortal defeat when the Peers adopted by 172 votes to 149 a resolution "expressing regret" at Baron Tanaka's "indiscretion and carelessness" in connection with the resignation of the Education Minister, Rentaro Mizuno, on May 25 last year.

This question is highly technical, involving the Emperor's unique status in the Japanese Constitution. Baron Tanaka's critics allege that he attempted to overcome a purely political crisis by invoking Imperial intervention.

It is stated that the defeat is merely a warning and does not compel the Ministry's resignation, but it will weaken its position in the Upper House and will increase the difficulty of the passage of the Cabinet's most important measures. Reuter.

AMERICA'S NAVY

Senate Provides For
\$812,370,000

FRESH CONSTRUCTION

Washington, Friday.
The Senate has passed the Bill, providing for the construction of new cruisers. Reuter's American Service.

Five Cruisers at First

Washington, Yesterday.
The final vote on the Navy Department Supply Bill, including appropriation in connection with the construction of cruisers, has been postponed.

However, in view of the unexpected vote on the Bill amendment (forbidding the use of Government credits for the transport of Marines from Nicaragua, except for the protection of American lives and property), this amendment is interpreted as involving the early withdrawal of Marines from Nicaragua.

Of \$12,370,000, \$200,000 would be available immediately to begin five cruisers. The remainder would be available on July 1 to carry on the work and begin another five cruisers and an aeroplane carrier. Reuter's American Service.

KING GEORGE

Still "Going Strong" at
Bognor

London, Friday.
It is officially stated at Craigwell House, Bognor, this evening, that the King passed a good day.

The sun shone brilliantly throughout the day and His Majesty spent several hours at the window. It is understood that the final spell of weather during the last two days has already had a beneficial effect upon the King's progress.

Princess Mary was expected to visit Craigwell House to-day but did not arrive. It was stated that Her Royal Highness was suffering from a slight cold. British Wireless Service.

A STOWAWAY

Unusual Part Played By
Young Woman

AGAIN BEFORE COURT

Louise Gerald (24), described as of New York, who was on Friday remanded by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., on a charge of stowing away from Shanghai on the Canadian Pacific R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," was again before his Worship at the Central Magistracy at noon yesterday.

Replying to the Magistrate's inquiry if the defendant had received any assistance, Sub-Inspector Elston replied that no help had been received yet.

Asked by the Magistrate if she had any expectation of receiving help, the girl replied that she did not know anybody in Hong Kong. She added, "This lady on the ship" told me that she would go with me to pay some money to the American Consul, but did not do so."

Major Willson asked if the girl could get some money would she be willing to go back to Shanghai.

Defendant replied that she "did not like it" but if his Worship sent her there, she would, of course, have to go.

The Magistrate decided to give another remand in police custody until Monday morning, remarking that he would like to give the girl another opportunity to secure help.

Accused's Career

The following interesting story about the girl appeared in one of the Shanghai papers on January 28, 1927.

Louise Gerald, a Russian woman, made her appearance before Judge Wu at the Special Provisional Court on a charge of attempting to commit suicide.

Mr. Poole, of the Dollar & Lane, said he knew the accused woman. She had attempted on eight occasions to stow herself aboard the Company's vessels. On Wednesday (January 26, 1927) accused was found aboard one of the boats, and they were bringing her ashore when she fainted in the cabin. She was placed on a stool, and then she got up and tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Huangpu.

She was hauled out of the water and, after that, she tried several times to do the same thing. Fortunately, her plans were frustrated, and she was brought back to the Company's office and handed over to the police.

Parents Killed

Police evidence was to the effect that accused made a statement at the station to the effect that she was born in New York of American parents, who took her to Russia when she was three years old. Her parents were killed by the Bolsheviks in 1918, her father being a gold miner. After escaping to Shanghai in 1925, she applied to the American Consulate for recognition, but this was refused. A similar application to the Russian Consulate was also turned down. As she could find no work and had no means of livelihood, she determined to commit suicide. Her attempts to stow away on board some vessel going to America always met with failure.

Questioned by the Judge, accused said that she was 22 years of age and could use the typewriter. At present she was out of work.

After consulting with the Police Officer on duty, accused was sent to the Foreign Women's Home.

YACHTING

Commodore's Cup For
Racers

FEW FINISH THE COURSE

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Royal Yacht Club the Commodore's Cup for racing yachts was sailed, yesterday, the course being: (1) Lyemun Beacon, (2) Channel Rocks, (3) Mark on line, (4) Cust Rock Buoy, (5) Mark on line (P), (6) Channel Rocks (S). Distance, 9.6 miles.

Details and result:

Handicap and One Design Class	
TIME	Finishing Corrected
La Linda	5.30.34 5.27.33
Diana	D.N.F.
Colleen	D.N.F.
Dorothy	D.N.F.
Daphne	D.N.F.
Nile	D.N.F.
Hayward Hayes and Gael Classes	
TIME	Finishing Corrected
Boojum (1)	5.54.35 5.54.35
Speedwell (2)	6.00.34 6.00.06
Wings	D.N.F.
Bluebonnet	D.N.F.
Albatross	D.N.F.
Gael	D.N.F.
Pierrette	D.N.F.
Tecla	D.N.F.
Joan	D.N.F.

Teachers should be contented with their lot, and should be in a position to enjoy a reasonable standard of living. Sir John Gilmour, M.P.

DANCE FESTIVAL

(Continued From Page 1.)

the lovely land which I am fortunate enough to be able to say gave me birth.

We have tried to find some proper scenery which might carry you there! Only a poor idea have we succeeded in conveying to this hall to-day. For these dances are only lovely in the country fields, in the open air and in the bright moon-light. But one's imagination can supply much. Imagine, for instance, that we have all of us been carried for some moments to the land of Portugal. Picture in your mind's eye vast and verdant fields and, afar, the white cottages of the village, and above all the clear, opal light of the full harvest moon.

"Desfolhar"

It is at night when they are going to "desfolhar"—hull the maize—the maize that has for many days been drying in the sunshine.

Lads and lasses ambling and singing as they come along the country roads, to the ground made ready for the work in hand.

Hulling-night in our country is a feast-night, and so there also come into our little group the musicians with their violas and guitars and concertinas, and other national instruments. They sing as they work: by singing the hours fly, and the corn-cobs are hulled and we know not how. Ah! But among the golden corn there appears a pinkish cob. It is the one amongst them all! "Milho Rei!"

What excitement! The lucky lad who has the good fortune to find King Cob has the right to embrace and kiss the lass he loves best; and the hearts of the girls inquire: "Who among us will it be?" Radiant with joy the boy seeks the favoured one, and then work is set aside—the alluring players strike up the first few bars of some lively air.

Ballad Follows Song

The first the night's lucky pair step forth, and after them and in the rising enthusiasm other lads and lasses rise to dance as well and almost without stop ballad follows song, now lively, happy, bounding along, now gently sentimentally swaying the crowd. It is characteristic of our race—a rare that knows how to laugh, to sing and to dance, but does not know how to hide the emotional melancholy of a full heart, the sentiment of which has blossomed forth in the measured cadences of our love songs.

Hark! I hear afar the first distant notes of the guitars. They begin the "desfolhada." (Loud applause.)

Mrs. Southern's Speech

The delightful scene was then staged, after which Mrs. Southern, in the course of her address, said:—After Madame Tamagnini's graceful and eloquent remarks anything I can say will fall flat. But I must express on behalf of the Committee our cordial thanks to all who have helped to construct this afternoon's Festival. If I were to apportion individual thanks I should keep you here till the nine o'clock gun. So I will give a warm collective "thank you" to all who have helped in so many ways, and a special one to Their Excellencies for giving us the pleasure of their company. To Madame Tamagnini and her talented troupe we owe the greatest debt for the immense amount of trouble they have taken over their charming production. It is no small matter to convey thirty-six performers across the ocean and to produce so artistic a glimpse of sunny Portugal.

"Thank-Yous"

And there are two more special "thank-yous" to be said, one to the President and Committee of the Club de Recreio for putting their beautiful Club at our disposal so wholeheartedly and so generously and for assisting us in every possible way—the other to the President and Committee of the Club Lusitano who kindly gave us the same privileges. Unfortunately owing to the Christmas and Chinese New Year holidays we found it impossible to cope with more than one show this time.

We may not speak each other's languages but we can understand and appreciate each other's dances. May this Festival prove another link in the chain of international friendships. (Loud Applause.)

Grand Finale

The Grand Finale was then staged, in the form of an International Tableau, in which eighteen different countries were represented in costume. The effect was highly spectacular, and further enhanced by a specially-arranged musical

U. S. POLICY

Pres. Coolidge's Interest-
ing Declaration

"UNPREJUDICED DETACHMENT"

"America's Foreign Relations
Rarely Been Happier"

Washington, Yesterday.
In his address in celebration of George Washington's birthday, Pres. Coolidge declared that America's foreign relations had rarely been happier. "We have no important unadjusted problem with the Government of any European nation except Russia."

He emphasised that the United States cherished her position of unprejudiced detachment, because thereby she could best meet her world obligations. Reuter's American Service.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

New Building In
Kowloon

FOUNDATION STONE LAID

There was a distinguished gathering yesterday at Waterloo-road, Kowloon, when the foundation stone of the new Chinese Y.M.C.A. building was laid.

Madam Wu Ting-fang, who performed the actual ceremony, was preceded by Sir Robert Ho Tung, who gave a short address on the aims and ideals of the Y.M.C.A. movement. Speaking in Chinese, Sir Robert, after paying a graceful tribute to Madam Wu, said that he was convinced that the Y.M.C.A. was always working to do things that were really worth while. It aimed to encourage youth in the making of character in every aspect of life—the spiritual, the physical, and the intellectual in particular. The Association could point to a long record of good work, and its history of achievement made it well worthy of the support of all public-spirited citizens.

Sir Robert then called upon Madam Wu to lay the stone with a special silver trowel. Afterwards, the lady was presented with a floral bouquet.

Up To Date Building

The new building, designed by Messrs. Little, Adams, and Wood, and built by Messrs. Lam Woo, is a strictly modern edifice, with the most up-to-date sanitary and hygienic installation. The ground floor will be used as general Club headquarters, whilst the hostel is equipped to accommodate about 40 resident members. Outside a tennis court is already in use, and it is hoped eventually to provide further facilities for all kinds of sports.

Amongst the large numbers of members, friends, and well-wishers present were Miss Rose Wu (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wu), Mrs. Herbert To, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, Mr. Jan Con-sang, Mr. K. L. Chau, Mr. J. S. Wan, Mr. Andrew Cheung, Mr. Y. K. Cheuk, Revd. Li Kau-yan, Mr. Ngan Kwan-yue, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mr. Y. H. Tso, Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Lerrigo, (Amoy), and Mr. C. H. Basto, (of Messrs. Little, Adams, and Wood).

ROYAL WEDDING

London, Friday.

It is announced that the Duke of York will represent the King at the wedding of the Crown Prince of Norway and Princess Martha of Sweden at Oslo next month. He will be accompanied by the Duchess of York—British Wireless Service.

score, played by the band of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment. The band also played selections during the intervals, and tea, which was taken in the open, in the Club grounds.

Later, the President and Committee extended an invitation to all those who had taken part to attend an after-dinner dance at the Club. A public supper was served later in the evening. The visiting artists from Macao added a pleasing note of colour to the festivities by dancing in costume.

It was ascertained during the afternoon that more than five hundred tickets had been sold to further the charitable cause. Mr. J. M. da Rocha, President of the Club de Recreio, also stated that it is hoped to make the Club the venue of future functions of this nature, and the President and his Committee felt especially gratified at the response to yesterday's appeal.

"VETERAN'S" PLUCK

(Continued from page 1.)

"Alf" Reynolds, palpably lacking training, took the place of Lee-Sgt. (A 33) Wynne who had been injured at football. The C.D.I. did not let Hong Kong down. He knew a lot about boxing and gave more than he got in the first round. His wind was short in the second and was sent down by a right and left to the solar plexus. Resting until the eighth round, he began to rise and was on one knee when counted out. He was loudly cheered both for pluck and his scientific display.

Kirby, much the shorter man, tried to outslug Baker and paid the penalty by going down twice before being knocked out.

Palm to Kowloon

Mr. Wolfe moved a hearty vote of thanks to the organisers and, he said, particularly, to those who had assisted towards an excellent evening's sport. He also thanked "all those who entered the lists."

Being on the Hong Kong side, he was sorry Hong Kong did not win, but he must give Kowloon the palm for merit, Mr. Wolfe continued with a smile.

Kowloon had triumphed and was now equal with Hong Kong in the competition for the challenge cup. "I am sure I am voicing the opinion of all present in expressing admiration for the C.D.I. in putting up such a fine show against one of the best boxers the Police have produced. His was a most sporting effort and I hope that it will be emulated by other officers should a similar occasion arise."

Stimulus Given

Thanks were also tendered by the Captain Superintendent in his witty speech, punctuated by applause, to Messrs. Logan, Sheldon and Bennett of the H.K.B.A. for kind assistance "even when the South China Command finals are being held at Kowloon," and also to "their old friends," Bond and Clarke, whom he earnestly hoped would not have had their last appearance at a Police boxing night.

The bouts show that there is a sporting spirit alive in the Police, which only needs a little stimulus to bring it forward. That stimulus had been given by Mr. Burlingham (Deputy Superintendent of Police) and Inspector R. H. Marks (Divisional Inspector, Yaumati).

Challenging the World! The enthusiasts at Yaumati, Mr. Wolfe added, wanted to challenge the world at first but the D.S.P. (Kowloon) thought later on that an inter-"water" competition would suit Kowloon better.

Mr. Wolfe also referred to the sports contest (to be concluded tomorrow) between Hong Kong and Kowloon, stating that he hoped it would become an annual affair, with boxing taking an important part because it was not the least essential of branches in which knowledge was necessary for the performance of Police services.

Cheers for the organisers were called by the C.S.P. at the conclusion of which the attendance sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with vigour and rounded off the enjoyment with three more cheers (for the C.S.P.) and a "tiger."

"DOWN UNDER"

Economic Commission to
Australia

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

London, Feb. 22.

Sir Hugo Hirst and Sir Ernest Clark arrived at Southampton to-day. They were members of the Economic Commission to Australia. The Mission will issue a report and Sir Hugo Hirst said that while it would contain certain criticism, it would generally express admiration for the great progress made by Australia.

Sir Hugo Hirst spoke of the soundness of Australia's financial position, despite mistakes that had been made, and expressed satisfaction that 98 per cent. of the Australian population was British to the core.

Australia, he said, should be able to double its present amount of imports and exports, and the Mission advised frequent visits by British business men to secure greater co-operation in trade.—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. "MOTH" HELD UP BY FOG

A British Naval wireless message received at noon yesterday states that H.M.S. "Tarantula" is towing to Hong Kong, H.M.S. "Moth" which went ashore on Webster Rocks, but is held up at Tachung on account of thick fog.

ARMY BOXING

Final Bouts at Whitfield
Barracks

PREMIER HONOURS

The inter-unit and individual boxing championships tournament of the South China Command, which had been in progress at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, since Thursday, was brought to a successful conclusion last night when some of the semi-finals and the finals were decided.

Amongst the large number of Officers present last night were H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., the retiring General Officer Commanding and his successor, H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Of eleven bouts put on last night only one resulted in a knock out, whilst in another the referee (Mr. A. Murdoch) stopped the fight on account of one of the fighters being in a bad way after being knocked down.

Only three regiments entered a team—the K.O.S.B., the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and the Somerset Light Infantry. The Queen's Royal Regiment and the Royal Artillery only entered individual fighters. The Bedfs. and Herts. won premier honours of the tourney with a total of 25 points. They were closely followed by the K.O.S.B., with 25 points, whilst the Somerset L.I., were third with 14 points.

During the interval the Band of the 2nd Batn. King's Own Scottish Borderers rendered some very enjoyable selections.

General Luard's Address

At the conclusion H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard gave away the trophies. Before doing so he addressed the men of the Command in inspiring terms.

He said that that was the second boxing championship tournament held by the South China Command. They were unable to manage a tournament prior to last year because there was only one British Regiment in Hong Kong. With the advent of the Shanghai Defence Force last year, opportunity was taken to hold a tournament and it went off well.

This year they were fortunate to have four British Battalions in Hong Kong and again they were able to hold a tournament. He thought that he could say that it was again a success.

Boxing, the General said, should be encouraged in the Army as every man who boxed had to be fit, and fitness was very much wanted in the Army. Boxing also required courage and determination, and they like also to see those two good qualities in the Army.

The fights in the tournament had been clean, hard fought, and straightforward, and that was a very good point. He regretted, however, to see that teams had been entered by only three regiments out of a possible five. It was a pity that the Queen's were unable to put up a team, and it was also regrettable that such a fine body of men as the Gunners also could not enter a team.

H.E. then proceeded to congratulate the Bedfs. and Herts. on winning the tournament. (Applause.) They had had to put up a hard fight right up to that night with the K.O.S.B., who had made a very gallant effort to beat their rivals. (Applause.) The Somerset L.I., the General said, were in camp, and therefore had difficulty in getting to the tournament, but they also had made a great effort to show what they were worth. (Applause.)

Results:—

Bantamweight

Pte. Pearce (Somerset L.I.) lost to Bdm. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) on points.

In the final Bdm. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) met Dmr. Tomlin (Somerset L.I.) bye, and lost on points because he could not overcome his opponent's longer reach.

Featherweight

The final in the featherweight class brought together Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) and Pte. Foster (Bedfs. and Herts.). Hume won on points after a close fight.

Lightweight

In the final of the lightweight class, L/C Gordon (K.O.S.B.) met

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FINAL GESTURE

Spain's Dictatorship to
Be Abolished

REMARKABLE ARTICLE

General De Rivera To
Resign

Madrid, Yesterday.

A remarkable article, forecasting the early demise of the Dictatorship, is published by "L'Ancon."

The paper says that the final gesture from General De Rivera will be to submit to a plebiscite the draft of the Constitution and cognate Bills governing the elections.

When Parliament re-assembles the King will have 400 men, from whom he can choose a Cabinet without relying on General De Rivera, who will probably be a Deputy, but who is voluntarily retiring from the Dictatorship, as he considers that he is without the political suppleness to govern under ordinary constitutional conditions.—Reuter.

ARCTIC WEATHER

Still Persisting in
Europe

BLACK SNOW

Sofia, Yesterday.

The cold wave has returned with 25 degrees below zero (fahrenheit) at some places. Black snow due to volcanic dust fell at Rinstchuk.

Moscow, Yesterday.

Two ice breakers have left Leningrad to assist in extricating about 100 ships stuck in the ice of the Kiel Canal.—Reuter.

Athens, Yesterday.

A severe snowstorm has been experienced throughout Greece and many country districts are threatened with a food shortage owing to the interruption of communications. Hitherto 3,500,000 drachmas have been subscribed for the relief of the sufferers in the floods in Southern Greece, including the National Bank of Greece which gave a million and M. Venizelos half a million drachmas.

London, Yesterday.

While the thaw reigns in Great Britain other parts of Europe are less fortunate.

Harwich-Antwerp Service

London, Friday.

The London and North-Eastern Railway announce that the Harwich-Antwerp service, which was interrupted owing to ice in the Scheldt, will be resumed as from Monday night next, but while there is ice in the Scheldt steamers will proceed between Flushing and Antwerp only during daylight hours.

Departures from Liverpool Street Station, London, will be at 8.30 each week-day evening, the steamers leaving Parkston Quay at 10.10 in the evenings and arriving at Antwerp at ten o'clock the following morning.—British Wireless Service.

Danube 9 Feet Thicker

Budapest, Yesterday.

Severe cold has returned with renewed vigour, there being 45 degrees of frost here to-day. The Danube is frozen nine feet thick and ox carts are crossing the river.

Most of the fruit and blossom and 50 per cent. of the honey bees have been destroyed.—Reuter.

Pte. Wood (Bedfs. and Herts.), and beat him on points.

Welterweight

Pte. Woods (Bedfs. and Herts.) and Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) met in the first semi-final. Boyer was knocked out in the third round.

The next pair of semi-finalists were Pte. Gillies (K.O.S.B.) and L/C.